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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DESCHUTES COUNTY, OREGON

An Order Declaring a State of Emergency * ORDER NO. 2020-013

WHEREAS, ORS 401.305 provides authority for Deschutes County to act as an emergency management agency, including authority to establish policies and protocols for defining and directing responsibilities during time of emergency; and

WHEREAS, ORS 401.309, DCC 2.04, and the Deschutes County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) authorize the county governing body to declare a state of emergency within the county or within a designated portion of the county and to establish procedures to prepare for and carry out activities which are necessary to prevent, minimize, respond to, or recover from an emergency; and

WHEREAS, the following conditions have resulted in the need for a local state of emergency: (a) the presence of a presumptive case of Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Deschutes County; (b) emergency orders from the Governor restricting gatherings, closing schools and encouraging social distancing and remote business operations; and

WHEREAS, the presence of COVID-19 constitutes a high potential threat to public health, to wit, infectious Coronavirus (COVID-19) which is known to spread person-to-person through coughing, sneezing and close personal contact; and

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020, Governor Kate Brown signed Executive Order No. 20-03, declaring a statewide emergency due to COVID-19 outbreak in Oregon; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the following disruption of important services, damage to life, or damage to property can be expected in association with COVID-19: (a) COVID-19 is expanding world-wide including a declared global pandemic and a declared outbreak in Oregon; (b) County resources will be needed to respond to this threat to keep the public as safe as possible; (c) Resources related to contact tracing, disease investigation and prevention, continuity of operations, public information, and funding are expected to be exhausted; now therefore,

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DESCHUTES COUNTY, OREGON, hereby ORDERS as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to ORS 401.309, DCC 2.04 and the Deschutes County EOP, the Board of Commissioners for Deschutes County formally declares a state of emergency for Deschutes County, effective on this 13th day of March, 2020 and continuing for sixty (60) days from the date of this Order, unless extended or terminated earlier by the Board of Commissioners.

Section 2. Upon this declaration of a state of emergency the Board of Commissioners shall be authorized to take and/or direct such actions and issue such orders as are determined to be necessary to protect the public and property and to efficiently conduct activities that minimize or mitigate the effect of the emergency as authorized by ORS, DCC and the Deschutes County EOP.

Section 3. The County Administrator, Local Public Health Administrator and Emergency Manager shall take all necessary steps authorized by law to coordinate response and recovery from this emergency including, but not limited to, coordinating with the State of Oregon and the federal government in order to qualify Deschutes County for all available state and federal emergency assistance, not limited to use of shared resources, assistance from state and federal agencies, and financial assistance and reimbursements.

Section 4. Emergency procurements of goods and services are authorized pursuant to ORS 279B.080, ORS 279C.335(6), ORS 279.380(4), and Deschutes County contracting rules.

Section 5. With regard to county employees, the Board of Commissioners may authorize modification(s) to relevant personnel leave, payroll processes, and workplace requirements/designations as deemed necessary by the Board of Commissioners to address impacts associated with COVID-19.

Section 6. The scope of this declaration is in support of the COVID-19 public health response being overseen and directed by the State of Oregon; the residents of Deschutes County are encouraged to follow standard hygiene protocols and stay at home when ill, but otherwise, where reasonable and safe, go on with daily life.


Section 7. This Order is effective upon signing.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF DESCHUTES COUNTY, OREGON

Dated this 13 of March, 2020


PATTI ADAIR, Chair


ANTHONY DeBONE, Vice Chair


PHILIP G. HENDERSON, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Recording Secretary