

**City Of Mount Vernon**  
**Office of the Mayor**  
**Executive Order Number 2020-002**

**Closing Certain Public Facilities**  
**(Emergency Management/March 2020 COVID 19)**

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the Mayor proclaimed a civil emergency acting under authority vested as Mayor by RCW Chapter 38.52 and MVMC Chapter 2.40 et. seq.; and;

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 the City Council during a regularly scheduled meeting ratified and approved the Mayor's emergency proclamation; and

WHEREAS, modeling from state, federal and local officials find that the COVID-19 virus will spread, has spread and continues to spread at a high rate among the local community threatening both persons and property within the City of Mount Vernon; and

WHEREAS, to curtail the spread of COVID-19 in Mount Vernon, it is necessary to implement additional measures to limit opportunities for disease transmission; and

WHEREAS, to curtail the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic and protect our most vulnerable populations and City staff needed to continue to provide the essential functioning of City services, it is necessary to immediately prohibit the public from congregating certain public facilities in order to limit opportunities for disease exposure and transmission; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has emergency authority set forth in Mount Vernon Municipal Code to issues orders as are imminently necessary for the protection of life and property including but not limited to closing to the public any or all public places including streets, alleys, public ways, schools, parks, amusement areas and other public buildings; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jill Boudreau, as Mayor of Mount Vernon, by virtue of the authority vested in me by RCW Chapter 38.52 and Mount Vernon Municipal Code Chapter 2.40 et. seq., and all other applicable laws, do hereby promulgate the following Executive Order, to take immediate effect:

Section 1. I hereby make and proclaim the following executive order:

That the following physical places and buildings are hereby closed to the public:

- City Hall located at 910 Cleveland Avenue, Mount Vernon, WA 98273
- Parks and Recreation Offices located at 1717 S. 13<sup>th</sup>, Mount Vernon WA, 92873
- Public Works Department located at 1024 Cleveland Street, Mount Vernon WA 98273
- The Mount Vernon Wastewater Treatment Plant located at 1401 Britt Road, Mount Vernon, WA 98273

**With respect to Police and Fire facilities**, the Mount Vernon Police Chief and the Mount Vernon Fire Chief are authorized to provide limited access to defined areas inside their facilities under their control when it is necessary to provide or respond to law enforcement, medical, or fire related emergencies. Public access to the Police Court Campus located at 1805 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, WA 98273 shall include: i) City Council Chambers (or related facilities) remaining open to the public during times for the public to attend any open public meeting subject to Washington State's Open Public Meetings Act; and ii) the Municipal Courtroom (and any related court facilities) to remain open to persons to attend court hearings or to receive court services. Closure of court services and/or the courtroom shall be subject to further order of the Court.

With respect to any meetings occurring in any facility subject to Washington State Open Public Meetings Act, that facility shall be open to the public to allow the public to attend such meetings.

Section 2. At this time city facilities shall remain operational while closed to the general public. For facilities closed to the public, city staff is directed to provide services to the general public when possible and reasonable through remote means including conducting public business through phone, via the City's website, and utilizing internet services and City software programs (such as bill pay or acceptance of online applications) when available.

Section 3. This order shall remain in effect until midnight on March 31, 2020, unless extended beyond that date.

Section 4. This Executive Order shall be deemed to have taken effect immediately on March 18, 2020, and all actions taken by City Officials with respect to this emergency before the issuance of this Executive Order are hereby ratified.

Dated this 18th day of March, 2020.

  
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City Mayor

Approved as to Form:

  
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City Attorney

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