



City Of Mount Vernon
Office of the Mayor, Executive Order Number 2020-007
Emergency Assistance Order
(Emergency Management/May 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, the Mayor previously issued executive orders 2020-01 through 2020-06 as necessary additional measures to limit opportunities for disease transmission; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has emergency authority set forth in Mount Vernon Municipal Code to enter into contracts "necessary to combat the emergency or disaster" per the authority granted under MVMC 2.40.100 which expressly state the ability to "provide emergency assistance to the victims of such emergency or disaster."; 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:

The City of Mount Vernon shall enter into a professional services agreement with Community Action of Skagit County to provide emergency assistance through the provision of emergency housing to homeless persons in the City. This will protect both a vulnerable population segment of the City and promote public health in general by: 1) providing a place where persons can shelter in place limiting their mobility in the community, ii) inhibiting the spread the highly infectious COVID – 19 disease, iii) providing known residences to assist in isolation and tracing if needed, iv) providing a place for homeless persons to sanitize, and v) following the recommendations of County Health Director.

Section 2. This Executive Order shall be deemed to have taken effect immediately on May 20, 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 20th day of May, 2020.

Approved as to Form:

Jill Boudreau, Mayor

Kevin Rogerson, City Attorney