

RESOLUTION NO. 990

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, ENDING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS

WHEREAS, in February and March 2020, the United States federal government, the State of Washington, Pierce County and other local governments declared states of emergency or their equivalencies in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the governmental entities of the State of Washington, including the City of University Place, have taken numerous steps in efforts to protect the population from the effects of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, via Resolution 917, under the authority of RCW 39.04.280(2) and Section 2.35.060(A) of the University Place Municipal Code, the University Place City Council confirmed the existence of a local state of emergency relative to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, under the local state of emergency, the City of University Place has provided a comprehensive response to its residents in responding to the effects of COVID-19, which has included:

- * Five emergency orders, modifying or suspending obligations under the municipal code;
- * The distribution of critically needed funds to local businesses, families and households in our community;
- * Coordination with local governments, institutions within the community that the City had not traditionally worked with.

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Washington has announced the end of the state-wide State of Emergency, no later than October 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, although COVID-19 continues as an ongoing and present threat in Washington State, advances in medicine, society and the community response have reached the point where COVID-19 no longer presents an imminent threat to public health and safety and thus, it is proper and prudent to terminate the local state of emergency confirmed by Resolution 917; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the termination of the local state of emergency, the City of University Place will remain vigilant for future waves and variants of COVID-19 and will continue to share information, update contingency plans, and partner closely with federal, state, and local health experts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Termination of State of Emergency. The City Council terminates, upon the latter of October 31, 2022, or the termination of the statewide COVID-19 State of Emergency, the local state of emergency which was confirmed by Resolution 917. Upon the termination of the local state of emergency, all subsequent emergency orders, emergency administrative regulations, suspensions of provisions of the University Place Municipal Code, and other directives which rely upon the declaration of emergency in Resolution 917 are also terminated on the effective date set forth within that emergency order.

Section 2. Nothing in this resolution shall be construed to either impair or delay the ability of the City of University Place to receive any state or federal stimulus or pandemic-related funds arising from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 17, 2022

Steve Worthington, Mayor

ATTEST:

Emelita J. Genetia, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Matthew S. Kaser, City Attorney

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