

RESOLUTION NO. R-2020-

A RESOLUTION ratifying Mayoral Proclamation and Order of a temporary moratorium due to COVID-19 on the enforcement of certain provisions in YMC 9.47 relating to parking violations for unlicensed vehicles and for 24-hour parking

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, the Governor of the State of Washington issued Proclamation 20-05 declaring a state of emergency due to the number of confirmed cases of the novel coronavirus which has been named “coronavirus disease 2019” (abbreviated “COVID-19”) in the State of Washington and the serious nature of the effects of COVID-19 on the population; and

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

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the Yakima County Commissioners declared a state of emergency in Yakima County as a result of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Yakima County, thus enabling Yakima County to take extraordinary measures to address the threat of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) to the public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, as a result of confirmed cases of COVID-19 affecting residents in Yakima County, the Proclamations and Orders issued by the Governor of the State of Washington, and to provide for the best opportunity for the City of Yakima to address immediate responses to the threat of COVID-19 in the City of Yakima and reduce the opportunities for exposure to the disease, the Mayor issued a Proclamation of Civil Emergency and Order on March 12, 2020 (here referred to as Proclamation No. 2020-01), which was ratified and confirmed by the City Council on March 13, 2020; and on April 7, 2020, the Mayor issued a Proclamation Extending the Civil Emergency and Order (Proclamation No. 2020-02), which was ratified and confirmed by the City Council on April 7, 2020; and on May 5, 2020, the Mayor issued a Proclamation Extending the Civil Emergency and Order (Proclamation No. 2020-03), which was ratified and confirmed by the City Council on May 5, 2020; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19, its significant progression in Washington State, and the high risk it poses to our most vulnerable populations, State of Washington Governor Jay Inslee signed subsequent amendatory Proclamations since February 29, 2020, including on March 23, 2020, Proclamation 20-25 entitled “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” directing all residents immediately to heed current State public health directives to stay home, except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of essential critical infrastructure sectors and as additional sectors as the State Public Health Officer may designate as critical to protect health and well-being of all Washingtonians, and the Governor subsequently has issued extensions and modifications of Proclamation 20-25 regarding COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 disease, caused by a virus that spreads easily from person to person which may result in serious illness or death and has been classified by the World Health Organization as a worldwide pandemic, continues to broadly spread throughout Washington State, including in Yakima County and the City of Yakima; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic is causing a sustained global economic slowdown, and an economic downturn throughout Washington State with unprecedented numbers of layoffs and reduced work hours for a significant percentage of the workforce due to substantial reductions in business activity impacting our commercial sectors that support our state’s economic vitality,

including severe impacts to the large number of small businesses that make the economy of Washington State, Yakima County and the City of Yakima thrive; and

WHEREAS, many of our workforce who have been impacted by these layoffs and substantially reduced work hours are suffering economic hardship that disproportionately affects low and moderate income workers resulting in lost wages that reduces their ability to pay for basic household expenses, including groceries and rent; and

WHEREAS, enforcement of certain parking regulations in the Yakima Municipal Code regarding unlicensed vehicles and on 24-hour parking at this time may further reduce the ability of people impacted by the economic downturn to pay for basic household expenses, thereby increasing life, health and safety risks to a significant percentage of our people from the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Yakima Municipal Code 6.06.030, the City Council is required to ratify and confirm a Mayoral Proclamation of an Emergency Proclamation and Order within 72 hours of the Proclamation and Order being issued; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the City of Yakima to ratify and confirm the Mayoral Proclamation Amending Proclamation of Civil Emergency and Order (Proclamation No. 2020-05) which orders a temporary moratorium on the enforcement of specified Yakima Municipal Code parking violations regarding unlicensed vehicles and 24-hour parking; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YAKIMA:

1. The City Council of the City of Yakima ratifies and confirms the Mayoral Proclamation Amending Proclamation of Civil Emergency and Order (Mayoral Proclamation No. 2020-05), which orders a temporary moratorium on the enforcement by City personnel of the issuance of infractions and/or the towing of unlicensed vehicles and for 24-hour parking under the Yakima Municipal Code ("YMC") provisions in YMC 9.47 which are listed specifically in Mayoral Proclamation No. 2020-05.
2. Mayoral Proclamation No. 2020-05 regarding a temporary moratorium on the enforcement of specified parking violations regarding unlicensed vehicles and 24-hour parking is effective on the day after the signing of Mayoral Proclamation No. 2020-05 and continues until 11:59 PM on Tuesday, July 7, 2020 or until the Washington Governor's Stay At Home Order relating to COVID-19 (Governor's Proclamation 20-25 and its extensions and modifications) is no longer in effect, whichever is later.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this 2nd day of June, 2020.

Patricia Byers, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sonya Claar Tee, City Clerk