

ORDINANCE NO. 1229

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SNOQUALMIE, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO BUSINESS AND OCCUPATION LICENSES AND TAXES, ADDING A NEW SECTION 5.08.255 OF THE SNOQUALMIE MUNICIPAL CODE AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SNOQUALMIE TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND, DEFER OR EXTEND ANY OF THE REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED BY CHAPTER 5.08 OF THE SNOQUALMIE MUNICIPAL CODE DURING DECLARED EMERGENCIES; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATES.

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020, Mayor Matthew R. Larson issued an Emergency Proclamation declaring the existence of an emergency within the City of Snoqualmie related to the COVID-19 virus, and authorizing the Mayor, City Administrator and City departments to take certain specified actions without regard to time consuming procedure and the formalities prescribed by law; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Snoqualmie City Council ratified the March 6, 2020 Emergency Proclamation; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, Washington State Governor Jay Inslee issued a “Stay Home” Order, with the intent of reducing the spread and transmission of the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020, Governor Inslee extended the Order which is scheduled to last through May 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 emergency and “Stay Home” Order has significantly and adversely affected local businesses located within the City of Snoqualmie, and these adverse effects may threaten the ability of local businesses to remain solvent and/or meet ongoing financial

obligations, which in turn would threaten goods, services, jobs and employment opportunities that currently contribute to the social and economic well-being of Snoqualmie residents as well as providing needed tax revenue to support City of Snoqualmie services; and

WHEREAS, in order to support the viability of local businesses during the COVID-19-related emergency, the City Council desires to authorize the Mayor to temporarily defer, extend or suspend obligations imposed under Chapter 5.08 of the Snoqualmie Municipal Code relating to business and occupation (“B&O”) licenses and taxes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Snoqualmie as follows:

SECTION 1. New SMC Section 5.08.255 Adopted. A new section 5.08.255 of the Snoqualmie Municipal Code is hereby adopted to read as follows:

5.08.255 Emergency Provisions.

During the pendency of an emergency or disaster declared by the Mayor pursuant to Section 2.48.050 of this Code, the Mayor is authorized to temporarily suspend, defer or extend the performance of any obligation or requirement imposed by this Chapter, on such terms or conditions and for such time as the Mayor may reasonably determine in order to respond to the emergency or disaster or protect persons and/or businesses affected thereby.

SECTION 2. Effective Date. In light of the COVID-19 emergency declared by the Mayor on March 6, 2020 and ratified by the City Council on March 9, 2020, this ordinance constitutes a public emergency ordinance necessary for the protection of public health and public safety, and shall be effective immediately upon adoption as provided by and pursuant to RCW 35A.12.130.

SECTION 3. Severability. If any portion of this chapter, if found to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, such finding shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other section of this chapter.

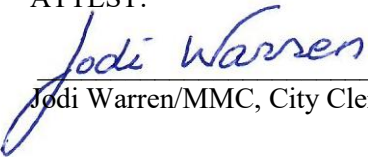
SECTION 4. Corrections by the City Clerk or Code Reviser. Upon approval of the City Attorney, the City Clerk and Code Reviser are authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance, including the correction of clerical errors; references to other local, state or federal laws, codes, rules, or regulations, or ordinance numbering and section/subsection numbering.

PASSED by the Council of the City of Snoqualmie, Washington this 13th day of April 2020.



Matthew R. Larson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jodi Warren/MMC, City Clerk