

**The Office of the Mayor for the
City of Hood River, Oregon**

A Declaration Directing the City Manager to Close Public Parks, Recreation Sites, Transient Lodging Facilities and Campgrounds to Prevent Aggregation of People and Reduce the Spread of the Novel Coronavirus

The Mayor of the City of Hood River finds as follows:

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Governor Brown issued an Executive Order (EO No. 20-07) that places restrictions on public gatherings by, among other things prohibiting social, spiritual and recreational gatherings of 25 people or more where at least a 3-foot social separation cannot be maintained and includes any community, public, leisure, faith-based and sporting events, concerts, conventions, fundraisers, fairs, festivals and similar events and activities; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the City Manager issued an Emergency Declaration of a Local State of Emergency as a Result of the COVID-19 Pandemic activating certain emergency powers authorized by ORS 401.309 and the City's Emergency Operations Ordinance in Chapter 2.48 of the Hood River Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020 the City Council convened a special meeting and ratified the City Manager's Emergency Declaration; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020 the Governor issued another Executive Order (EO-20-12) prohibiting all non-essential social and recreational gatherings of individuals where a minimum 6-foot distance between all individual could not be maintained as a primary means of reducing the spread of the Novel Coronavirus, which causes COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's March 23rd Executive Order was explicit that, while outdoor activities and exercise were permissible, a minimum 6-foot distance between all individuals must be maintained; otherwise, failure to comply constituted an imminent threat and immediate danger to public health because of the contagiousness and virulence of the Novel Coronavirus and mortality of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, in the last 5 days, large numbers of people from outside Hood River County have flocked to the Columbia River Gorge and the City of Hood River and gathered, hiked and recreated in violation of the Governor's March 17th and 23rd Executive Orders, thereby creating an imminent threat and immediate danger to public health; and

WHEREAS, on Sunday, March 22nd all City parks and park restrooms were closed to the public; and

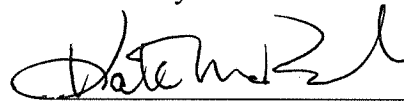
WHEREAS, to protect the health and safety of its citizens the Mayor finds it appropriate to put in place several restrictions to prevent visitors from coming to the City and aggregating at the City's recreational sites in violation of the Governor's Executive Orders prohibiting such aggregations where people do not maintain at least 6-feet of distance between every individual.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby declared by the Mayor of the City of Hood River that the City Manager shall adopt, implement and enforce the following restrictions pursuant to her

authority under HRMC 2.48.060 and March 17, 2020 Emergency Declaration, as necessary measures to help prevent public aggregations of people and to curb the spread of the Novel Coronavirus:

1. Close all City Parks and recreational sites to public use.
2. Close all transient lodging facilities in the City, including motels, hotels, short-term vacation rentals, hosted home shares, bed and breakfasts, RV parks, and campgrounds. All camping on private property is prohibited, except for those approved by the Police Chief. Transient lodging facilities may remain open to serve only the following designated individuals:
 - a. Current registered guests for a term of longer than 30 consecutive days.
 - b. Essential personnel as defined by federal or state law, where lodging within Hood River County is necessary for work involving the safety of human life or the protection of property or performing other work consistent with the intent of this provision, *e.g.* emergency and public safety responders, truck drivers and supply providers, and construction industry workers.
 - c. Individuals deemed vulnerable by the Hood River County Health Department, which may include, but not be limited to, homeless individuals and individuals who may have been placed in quarantine due to the public health emergency.
 - d. Other individuals as authorized by the Hood River County Health Department.
3. The City Manager shall communicate and coordinate with the owners, operators and users of affected transient lodging facilities, which shall have 24 hours to vacate in accordance with this Declaration.
4. A violation of this Declaration or the Manager's March 17, 2020 Emergency Declaration shall be a Class C misdemeanor pursuant to ORS 401.990 and a civil infraction enforceable under HRMC Chapter 1.10 (Civil Enforcement).
5. This Declaration shall take effect immediately and consistent with HRMC 2.48.060(B), shall have the full force and effect of law during the declared state of emergency. All existing laws, ordinances, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Declaration shall be inoperative during this period of time and to the extent that such inconsistencies exist.

Ordered by the Mayor and Effective this the 25th day of March 2020.



Kate McBride, Mayor