

## MAYOR'S DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS**, Idaho Code § 46-1011 allows the Mayor of a city to declare a local disaster emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, Idaho Code § 46-1002(2) defines "disaster" as the "imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from any natural or manmade cause, including but not limited to fire, flood, earthquake, windstorm, wave action, volcanic activity, explosion, riot, or hostile military or paramilitary action and including acts of terrorism;" and

**WHEREAS**, the imminent threat of widespread and severe harm to the health of residents and visitors to the city of Winchester as addressed by the Centers for Disease Control and by actions of the Governor of the state of Idaho constitutes a "disaster"; and

**WHEREAS**, a declaration activates the response and recovery aspects of applicable local or intergovernmental disaster emergency plans for the furnishing of aid and assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, Idaho Code § 46-1002(3) provides that an "emergency" includes the imminent threat to life or property which requires state emergency assistance to supplement local efforts to protect well-being or property or to avert or lessen the threat of "disaster;" and

**WHEREAS**, the emergency referenced herein exists because the contagious nature and potentially serious consequences of the COVID-19 virus for residents and visitors to the city of Winchester and requires state emergency assistance to supplement local efforts to protect life, health and property; and

**WHEREAS**, Idaho Code § 67-2808 authorizes the Council of the City of Winchester to declare an emergency and that the public interest and necessity may demand the immediate expenditure of public money without compliance with formal bidding procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency declaration must be filed with the county recorder's office and "given prompt and general publicity."

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Mayor of the City of Winchester does hereby declare:

That a Local Disaster Emergency exists and that all efforts will be made to protect the citizens and property of the City of Winchester through activation of all local disaster emergency plans and state emergency assistance; and

That this Local Disaster Emergency shall expire within seven (7) days unless the City Council expressly authorizes the continuance of such Declaration; and

That this Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency ("Declaration") shall be promptly filed with the Lewis County Recorder's Office; and

That prompt and general publicity shall be given by a press release notifying the public of this Declaration.

Declared this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.



Miriam J. Youngren  
Mayor

Date: 24 March 2020

Selma J. Hartman  
City Clerk

Date: 3-24-2020

Confirmed by the City Council of the City of Winchester on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

Selma J. Hartman  
City Clerk

Date: 3-24-2020