

**CITY OF WEST RICHLAND
RESOLUTION NO. 29-20**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND,
WASHINGTON, TEMPORARILY DESIGNATING THE LOCATIONS FOR
REGULAR, SPECIAL AND WORKSHOP MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND
OF THE COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OF THE CITY TO VIRTUAL
LOCATIONS UNTIL BENTON COUNTY ENTERS INTO PHASE THREE OF THE
GOVERNOR'S SAFE START REOPENING PLAN**

WHEREAS, like many areas of the state of Washington and across the country, the City of West Richland, Washington, (hereinafter the "City"), has had to face, and is still facing, a health emergency due to COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, and is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus not previously having been identified in humans and which can be easily spread from person to person; and

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2020, the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) confirmed localized person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Washington State, significantly increasing the risk of exposure and infection to the general public in Washington State and creating an extreme public health risk that may spread quickly; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public health emergency for COVID-19, beginning on January 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Washington State Governor Jay Inslee issued a proclamation declaring a State of Emergency in all counties of the state of Washington in response to new cases of COVID-19, and the Governor subsequently issued additional/amended proclamations to prohibit social gathering of over fifty people, closing all public and private schools state-wide, closing restaurants and others social gatherings, and, further, exercising the Governor's emergency powers under RCW 43.06.220 by prohibiting certain other potentially problematic activities; and

WHEREAS, on May 31, 2020, Governor Inslee issued his Proclamation Number 20-25.4, providing for Transition from "Stay Home – Stay Healthy" to his "Safe Start – Stay Healthy" County-by-County Phased Reopening; and,

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the City of West Richland to adjust to accommodate its public meetings to conform to the phased-in reopening schedule.


NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The locations for Regular, Special and Workshop Meetings of the City Council and of the Committees, Boards and Commissions of the City are hereby temporarily designated to be virtual locations until Benton County enters into Phase Three of the Governor's Safe Start Reopening Plan.

Section 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to implement such administrative procedures as may be necessary to carry out the directions of this legislation.

Section 3. That this Resolution shall take effect and be in full force upon passage and signatures hereon.


PASSED by the City Council of the City of West Richland, Washington, this 29th day of June, 2020.


Brent Gerry, Mayor

ATTEST:


Stephanie Haug, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Bronson Brown, City Attorney