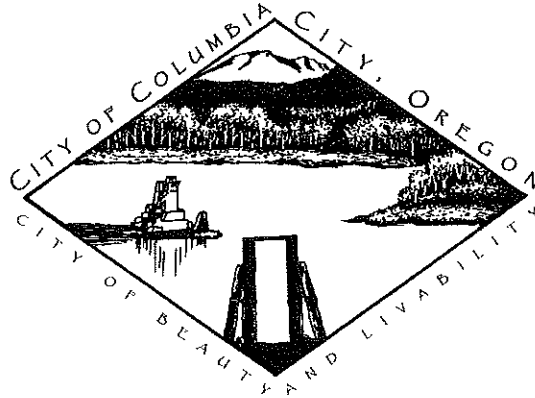


The City of Columbia City

In Columbia County on the Columbia River



March 13, 2020

EMERGENCY DECLARATION

On Friday, March 13, 2020, Columbia City Mayor Casey Wheeler declared a state of emergency in the City of Columbia City due to the ongoing spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus). The declaration takes effect immediately and will remain in effect through Friday, April 10, 2020.

This emergency declaration has been made in order to protect the Columbia City community, City employees, and the City's most vulnerable citizens from the impacts of the coronavirus and to minimize the effect on them.

Based on recent recommendations from the State of Oregon and Oregon public health experts, the City of Columbia City is implementing the following measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in Columbia City:

1. Local Columbia City government buildings and offices will be closed to the general public. This includes the Columbia City City Hall, the Columbia City Community Hall, and the Columbia City Public Works Office. The Columbia City City Council and leadership team will evaluate continued office closures on a weekly basis.
2. Columbia City police officers and public works crews will continue to respond to calls. Contact non-emergency dispatch at 503-397-1521, or in case of emergency dial 9-1-1.
3. City staff will continue to work while offices are closed to the public. If you have a question for a City staff member, or wish to arrange an essential in-person meeting, please call 503-397-4010. Communication to the City can also still be made via the City's website at www.columbia-city.org
4. If you have a Municipal Court question, you can call staff directly at 503-397-4010.
5. Until further notice, water services will not be disconnected for non-payment of a Columbia City utility bill. Columbia City residents are encouraged to either mail utility bill payments directly to the City, or pay over the phone by calling 503-397-4010. The use of the City's website payment is also still offered as a payment option.

6. With the exception of the March 19, 2020 regular City Council meeting all other City Committee and Commission meetings have been cancelled through the April 10, 2020 Emergency Declaration.
7. If you have general questions about the coronavirus, more information can be found at:
 - Call 2-1-1 for general questions
 - Visit the Oregon Health Authority's (OHA) website for the most current information in Oregon:
<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/DISEASES/CONDITIONS/DISEASESAZ/Pages/emerging-respiratory-infections.aspx>
 - Visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) website:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
 - Visit the Columbia County Public Health Website:
<https://www.columbiacountyor.gov/CoronavirusDisease2019COVID19>

For further information regarding the Columbia City Emergency declaration, please contact City Administrator Mike McGlothlin at mmcglathlin@columbia-city.org or 503-397-4010.