

The City of Columbia City

In Columbia County on the Columbia River



April 10, 2020

EMERGENCY DECLARATION EXTENSION

On Friday, March 13, 2020, Columbia City Mayor Casey Wheeler declared an initial state of emergency in the City of Columbia City due to the ongoing spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus). The declaration took effect immediately and remained in effect through Friday, April 10, 2020. Due to the ongoing threat of the continued spread of the COVID-19 (coronavirus) within the Columbia City community, Mayor Wheeler is extending the emergency declaration until such a time that it is rescinded by either the Mayor or Council.

This emergency declaration has been made and extended 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 continuing to implement the following measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in Columbia City:

1. Local Columbia City government buildings and offices will remain 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. As these utility bills will continue to grow if not paid, 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, if possible. The use of the City's website payment is also still offered as a payment option.

6. All City Committee and Commission meetings, as well as City sponsored events, have been cancelled through the extension of the 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/DISEASESCONDITIONS/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.