



TACOMA HOUSING AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION 2020-03-18 (1)

Date: March 18, 2020

To: THA Board of Commissioners

From: Michael Mirra
Executive Director

Re: Emergency Actions Authorization Resolution due to COVID-19 Pandemic

This resolution would authorize Tacoma Housing Authority's (THA) Executive Director (or his designee) to take emergency actions during the COVID-19 pandemic that he deems necessary to ensure continued operations of Tacoma Housing Authority while protecting its employees, clients, vendors, partners and the community as a whole.

Background

The pandemic of the COVID-19 virus poses a serious threat to the health, life, and well-being of people everywhere, including people in Tacoma. The national government, the State of Washington, Pierce County and the City of Tacoma have declared states of emergency. This pandemic significantly threatens the life and health of those living and working at Tacoma Housing Authority (THA) properties and offices. It is disrupting THA operations as THA tries to respond in a way that serves several important interests including: protecting the health and welfare of its staff and clients; preserving THA's ability to house and serve its clients; and complying with directives of governmental authorities.

Information about the crisis and actions and directives by the governmental authorities are changing daily. The Executive Director needs discretion to make fast decisions to implement any emergency measures and/or contingency plans deemed necessary to respond.

Recommendation

Approve Resolution 2020-03-18 (1).



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RESOLUTION 2020-03-18 (1) (Emergency Actions Authorization)

A **RESOLUTION** of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Tacoma

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

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Washington State Governor Jay Inslee signed a Proclamation declaring a State of Emergency exists in all counties in the State of Washington due to the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the state and directed that the plans and procedures of the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan be implemented; and

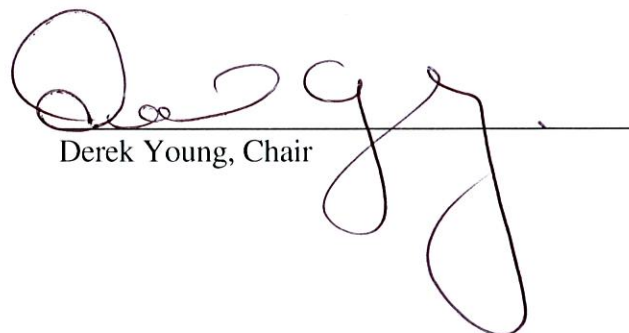
WHEREAS, Pierce County and the City of Tacoma have also issued emergency declarations; and

WHEREAS, extraordinary and expedient measures are required to protect the Tacoma Housing Authority's business operations and the public health, safety and welfare of Tacoma Housing Authority employees, clients, residents and the public; now, therefore

Resolved by the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Tacoma, Washington as follows:

1. the Tacoma Housing Authority Executive Director (or designee) is authorized to take any emergency actions and/or contingency plans as may in his judgment be needed to protect agency operations and the health, safety and well-being of agency employees, clients, vendors and the public as a whole;
2. the Executive Director shall inform the Board Chair when the Executive Director uses this authority;
3. these emergency authorizations shall be effective immediately and shall remain in place until (a) the state of emergency as declared by the Governor of the State of Washington has ended or (b) this resolution is terminated, modified or superseded by a later act of the Board of Commissioners.

Approved: March 18, 2020


Derek Young, Chair