



City of Seattle

Mayor Jenny A. Durkan

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City of Seattle

Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor

Executive Order 2020-06: COVID-19 Civil Emergency – Continued Extension of City Closures and Relief Measures

An Executive Order directing City departments to further extend their actions to combat the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic and to mitigate the impact of the public health emergency on the people of Seattle.

WHEREAS, in my capacity as Mayor, I proclaimed that a civil emergency exists in the City of Seattle in the Mayoral Proclamation of Civil Emergency dated March 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Public Health – Seattle & King County issued guidance recommending that people at higher risk of severe illness should stay home and away from large groups of people as much as possible, including public places; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, I issued Executive Order 2020-03 to provide assistance to Seattle’s small businesses and their workers; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 2020-03 also directed Seattle Public Utilities and Seattle City Light to enroll more customers in the Utility Discount Program, exercise flexibility with customers, including instituting payment plans, and avoid utility shutoffs whenever possible; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, Washington Governor Jay Inslee prohibited all gatherings of 250 or more in western Washington and Dr. Jeff Duchin, Health Officer for Public Health – Seattle & King County also prohibited gatherings of 250 or less unless certain precautions were undertaken; and

WHEREAS, as a result, on March 12, 2020, I directed the Seattle Public Library and Seattle Parks and Recreation to close all public-facing indoor facilities through April 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, I temporarily suspended permitted events in the City of Seattle through April 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in March 2020, the Seattle Department of Transportation announced new parking rules and procedures to reflect people staying at home, the transition of restaurants to take-out only, and the shortage of parking around medical facilities; and

WHEREAS, in March 2020, I issued emergency orders placing a temporary moratorium on residential evictions as well as small business and non-profit organization evictions; and

WHEREAS, Washington Governor Jay Inslee issued a “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order on March 23, 2020, asking non-essential workplaces to close and people to stay home except for necessary trips until midnight on April 6, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020, Governor Inslee extended the “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order through May 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2020, I issued Executive Order 2020-04, to align a number of City closures and relief measures to Governor’s “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order through May 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2020, Governor Inslee further extended the “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order through May 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2020 I issued Executive Order 2020-05, which further aligned City closures and relief measures to the Governor Inslee’s “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order through May 31, 2020, and additionally extended the City’s temporary moratoriums on residential, small business, and non-profit organization evictions through June 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS on May 31, 2020, Governor Inslee issued a Proclamation transitioning from “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” to “Safe Start, Stay Healthy,” a county-by-county phased approach to reopening through July 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on June 2, 2020, Governor Inslee issued a Proclamation temporarily prohibiting residential evictions and temporarily prohibiting commercial property landlords from increasing the rate of rent if the commercial tenant has been materially impacted by the COVID-19 emergency, through August 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, through June 1, 2020, Public Health – Seattle & King County has announced 8,192 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in King County residents, including 557 deaths; and

WHEREAS, consistent with Executive Order 2020-05, the City has monitored guidance and orders from Public Health - Seattle & King County, as well as the county, state, and federal government in determining whether to extend closures and relief policies; and

WHEREAS, the continued increase in COVID-19 cases and deaths in Seattle and King County shows that this pandemic continues to threaten the life and health of our people as well as the economy of the City of Seattle; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor of Seattle, hereby order City departments to further extend the following closures, suspensions, and relief measures to help combat the COVID-19 pandemic in our community and promote the health and wellbeing of the people of Seattle:

Sec. 1 Extensions Through June 30, 2020

A. Closures

- i. Seattle Public Library (SPL) locations, as announced on March 12, 2020. Digital media and online resources will continue.

In order to create additional public restroom access throughout the City, several SPL locations have opened for restroom access only. This Executive Order does not affect the continued operations of those restrooms.

- ii. Seattle Public Utilities' (SPU) Cedar River Watershed Education Center and Rattlesnake Trail, as announced on March 24, 2020.

The Rattlesnake Lake Recreation Area Ledge Recreation Area will open June 11, 2020, with limited parking.

- iii. In-person access to all City departments' public-facing customer service counters, as announced on March 13, 2020. Online and telephonic access should continue. Accessible communication to people with disabilities and to non-English speaking community members should also continue, to the greatest extent practicable.

B. Suspensions

- i. All permitted City events, as announced on March 13, 2020, except for farmers market events that have been permitted for activity.

City staff shall continue to work with Seattle's Farmers Market Masters, under the guidance of Public Health - Seattle & King County, to establish parameters and conditions for additional farmers markets to safely operate as essential businesses and minimize exposure to COVID-19. This includes strict guidelines around health screening, social distancing, sanitation, and other operations.

City staff shall also continue to work with other government jurisdictions, under the guidance of local and state public health officials, regarding a coordinated approach toward resuming permitted events in the future.

- ii. Enforcement of parking restrictions at health care facilities, as announced by the Seattle Department of Constructions and Inspections on March 30, 2020.

Sec. 2 Extensions Through July 31, 2020

A. Relief Measures

- i. The Utility Discount Program's Self-Certification Pilot Program, as announced in Executive Order 2020-03.
- ii. Rent relief for City tenants, as announced on March 20, 2020.

For all closures, suspensions, or relief measures set to terminate on June 30 or July 31, 2020, the City will continue to monitor guidance and future orders from Public Health - Seattle & King County, as well as the county, state, and federal government before determining whether to extend the termination date.

Sec. 3 Extensions Until Further Notice

A. Closures

- i. Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) facilities, such as community centers, playgrounds, athletic fields, sport courts, swimming areas at beaches, pools, environmental learning centers, and select parking lots serving the City's largest parks.

Future updates on the re-opening of facilities will be issued at SPR's website.

B. Suspensions

- i. Enforcement of paid parking requirements on City streets, as announced on April 3, 2020.
- ii. Enforcement of select hourly parking time limits outside of no-parking or special zones, as announced on April 3, 2020.
- iii. Enforcement of the 72-hour parking rule, as announced on March 21, 2020.
- iv. Booting of vehicles with unpaid parking tickets, as announced on March 21, 2020.

C. Relief Measures

i. Temporary Parking Zones

- a. Temporary restaurant loading zones, as announced on March 21, 2020.
- b. Temporary parking zones for hospital and human services staff, as announced on March 26, 2020.
- c. Temporary retail loading zones, as announced on May 14, 2020.

ii. Utility Relief

- a. Flexible payment plan policies, as announced in Executive Order 2020-03.
- b. Shut-off policies, as announced in Executive Order 2020-03.
- iii. All other temporary relief measures that have been established related to the COVID-19 civil emergency, including programs for small businesses and workers, food access programs, human services and homelessness programs, and artist stabilization measures.

Sec. 3 Extension of COVID-19 Eviction Moratoriums

A. Emergency Moratorium on Residential Evictions

On March 16, 2020, an Emergency Order was issued imposing a moratorium on residential evictions through May 14, 2020, or upon the termination of the Civil Emergency, whichever is earliest. Executive Order 2020-05 extended the moratorium through June 4, 2020, consistent with the termination date of Governor Inslee's Proclamation 20-19.1, which temporarily prohibits residential evictions and temporarily imposes other related prohibitions statewide. On June 2, 2020, Governor Inslee issued Proclamation 20-19.2, extending the prohibition on residential evictions through August 1, 2020.

In order to align with Proclamation 20-19.2, the March 16, 2020, Emergency Order imposing a moratorium on residential evictions is hereby extended through August 1, 2020.

B. Emergency Moratorium on Small Business and Non-Profit Evictions

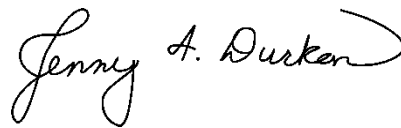
On March 17, 2020, an Emergency Order was issued imposing a moratorium on small business and non-profit evictions through May 15, 2020, or upon the termination of the Civil Emergency, whichever is earliest. Executive Order 2020-05 extended the moratorium through June 4, 2020, consistent with the termination date of Governor Inslee's Proclamation 20-19.1, which temporarily prohibits commercial property landlords from increasing the rate of rent if the commercial tenant has been materially impacted by the COVID-19 emergency. On June 2, 2020, Governor Inslee issued Proclamation 20-19.2, extending the commercial tenant protections through August 1, 2020.

In order to align with Proclamation 20-19.2, the March 17, 2020, Emergency Order imposing a moratorium on small business and non-profit evictions is hereby extended through August 1, 2020.

For all other COVID-19 legislation, emergency orders, closures, or relief measures announced by the City but not enumerated in this Executive Order, the City will monitor guidance and future orders from Public Health - Seattle & King County, as well as the county, state, and federal government before determining whether to extend their intended termination dates.

Any questions regarding this Executive Order should be directed to Senior Deputy Mayor Mike Fong, Office of the Mayor.

Dated this 3rd day of June,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jenny A. Durkan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

Jenny A. Durkan
Mayor of Seattle