CITY OF BELLEVUE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY ORDER No. 2020-01

LOCAL ADDITIONS TO IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE ORDER TO SELF-ISOLATE DATED March 25, 2020

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 (aka coronavirus) a pandemic, and on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States issued an emergency declaration for the country in response to the increasing number of COVID-19 cases within the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Idaho Governor Brad Little signed a declaration of emergency for the State of Idaho in response to concerns that cases of COVID-19 are imminent in Idaho; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020 the Mayor of the city of Bellevue declared a local disaster emergency, and on March 27, 2020 the Bellevue Common Council consented and adopted the Declaration as per the Disaster Preparedness Act (Title 46, Chapter 10 of the Idaho Code), in the city of Bellevue due to the threat that COVID-19 poses to the health and welfare of the residents of Bellevue; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare issued an Order to Self-Isolate for all individuals living in Blaine County including all cities, in Blaine County and all unincorporated areas of Blaine County; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, the Common Council for the City of Bellevue adopted Ordinance 2020-04 establishing emergency powers that provide the authority, purpose, and intent of emergency powers to address the threat of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2020 the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare issued a Statewide Order to Self-Isolate that supersedes the March 20, 2020 Order for Blaine County; and

WHEREAS, the risk of increased community spread throughout the city of Bellevue impacts the life and health of the public and public health is imperiled by the person-to-person spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the emergency services and local healthcare facilities are nearing capacity due to the number of COVID-19 confirmed cases in Blaine County and additional measures are necessary to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Blaine County; and

WHEREAS, the Bellevue Common Council finds it necessary to enact additional regulations to strengthen the March 25, 2020 regulations contained in the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Self-Isolation Order to slow the community spread and protect the health, safety, and welfare of individuals living, working and visiting the City of Bellevue; and

WHEREAS, this Order was considered and approved by the Common Council in accordance with provisions of Emergency Ordinance 2020-04;

THE CITY OF BELLEVUE DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS: the Mayor and City Council do hereby adopt the following additional local modifications which shall be construed as stricter, local regulations from the March 25, 2020 Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Order to Self Isolate:

SECTION 1: APPLICABILITY

These local additions to the March 25, 2020 Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Order to Self-Isolate (IDHW Order) shall apply to individuals living, working, and visiting the City of Bellevue and within a five-mile radius of the city limits, as reflected below. The additions are intended to supplement the March 25, 2020 Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Order to Self-Isolate, and provide further restrictions to help slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus. All other restrictions set forth in the March 25, 2020 Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Order to Self-Isolate remain in full force and effect to the extent they are not addressed in this Order. In the event there is a conflict between this Order and the March 25, 2020 Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Order to Self-Isolate, the more stringent requirement of this Order shall apply. Other jurisdictions within Blaine County are enacting identical measures to provide uniform requirements throughout Blaine County, but each jurisdiction recognizes that its Order is only applicable within its statutory jurisdiction.

SECTION 2 ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES SHALL COMPLY WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS

All businesses that are permitted to remain open in accordance with the March 25, 2020 IDHW Order, shall comply with Social Distancing Requirements.

SECTION 3 TRAVEL INTO AND OUT OF BLAINE COUNTY

Travel is only allowed into or out of Blaine County to perform Essential Activities, operate Essential Businesses, or maintain Essential Governmental Functions. Travel by Blaine County residents to other Idaho counties to obtain supplies or goods that are otherwise available within Blaine County, is prohibited.

SECTION 4 RESIDENTS AND VISITORS ENTERING BLAINE COUNTY

Residents of Blaine County who have traveled out of State, or visitors to Blaine County coming from out of State, must self-quarantine in their residence for a period of fourteen (14) days from the date of their arrival in Blaine County.

SECTION 5 CONSTRUCTION OF RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL PROJECTS IS NOT CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Commercial and residential construction is not considered essential infrastructure and shall cease operations.

SECTION 6 WORK ESSENTIAL TO REPAIR AND MAINTAIN RESIDENCES AND ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES

Plumbers, electricians, exterminators, HVAC contractors or other trades performing work that is immediate and essential to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences, Essential Activities, and Essential Businesses may continue. Routine maintenance and repair is not considered essential and shall cease operations. Landscaping is not considered an essential business.

SECTION 7 ESSENTIAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Airlines, taxis, and other private transportation providers providing transportation services may only operate provided they are providing transportation exclusively for necessary Essential Activities and other purposes expressly authorized in this Order are considered essential businesses.

SECTION 8 LIMITATIONS ON HOTELS AND SHORT-TERM RENTALS

For purposes of this Order, residences used for self-isolating include hotels, motels, shared rental units, and similar facilities.

During the term of this Order, hotels and short term rentals shall not offer lodging to any non-resident of Blaine County unless such individual is self-isolating, a Health Care Operations employee or performing Essential Government Functions.

SECTION 9 PENALTIES

In accordance with Bellevue Municipal and Idaho Code, any persons who violate any provisions of the March 25, 2020 Department of Health and Welfare Order to Self Isolate and the modifications set forth in this Order, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

SECTION 10 EFFECTIVE DATE AND SUNSET DATE

This Emergency Order shall take effect at 12:00 a.m., on March 30, 2020 and shall remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. on April 13, 2020.



APPROVED:

Mayor, Ned Burns

ATTEST

Marian Edwards, City Clerk