ENUMCALW FIRE DEPARTMENT
KING COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON
RESOLUTION #2020-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF ENUMCLAW FIRE DEPARTMENT, KING COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #28, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY – COVID-19.

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

WHEREAS, On February 29, 2020 Governor Jay Inslee issued Proclamation 20-05 Declaring a State of Emergency in all counties of the State of Washington to address the impacts of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, On March 13, 2020 President Donald Trump Declared a National Emergency relating to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, On March 18, 2020 the Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution #2020-01 Declaring an Emergency relating to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout King County and Washington State significantly impacts the life and health of our customers and District employees and constitutes a public emergency that affects life, health, and property; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners has determined that the impacts of COVID-19 on the District's residents and employees requires that the Board broaden its previously declared state of emergency; and,

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners has determined that in order to address the emergency, the District's Fire Chief or designee requires the flexibility to make staffing and other decisions that may exceed the prior authority delegated by the Board to the Fire Chief.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Enumclaw Fire Department that:

1. It is hereby declared that there is an emergency due to the COVID-19 spread in the Enumclaw Fire Department;

2. The Fire Chief or designee should have full authority to take all necessary actions to protect the District's residents and employees during such period as the declared COVID-

19 emergency exists in King County;

3. Without limiting the foregoing grant of authority, and in addition to the authority granted under Resolution #2020-01 the Fire Chief or designee is specifically authorized to combat such emergency and to protect the health and safety of persons and property by taking the following nonexclusive actions without additional authorization of the Board of Commissioners and without regard to limits previously established by the Board of Commissioners:

    a. Enter into contracts, incur obligations and make necessary expenditures in excess of policy and budgetary limits,

    b. Employ temporary workers and make staffing and scheduling decisions as necessary.

ADOPTED at an open public meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Enumclaw Fire Department, King County, this 18th day of November, 2020.

APPROVED:

Amy Trachte, Chairperson

Jenny Jones, Vice Chairperson

Jim Zoll, Commissioner

Angela Stubblefield, Commissioner

Eric Heintzinger, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Ashley Winter, District Secretary