

City of Clatskanie
Resolution 2021-01

RESOLUTION TO OBJECT TO THE GOVERNOR’S CURRENT COVID-RELATED STATE
EMERGENCY DECLARATION AND RELATING OSHA MANDATES AND GUIDANCE
AND TO SUPPORT ITS AFFECTED CITIZENRY AND BUSINESSES IN SEEKING
REPARATIONS

WHEREAS, Oregon Governor Kate Brown has issued Executive Order 20-03: Declaration of Emergency due to COVID-19, additional orders, and related OSHA guidance;

WHEREAS, as a municipality we have no legal ability to summarily dismiss these Governor mandates, guidelines and OSHA guidance;

WHEREAS, the City of Clatskanie cannot exempt any local business from the Governor’s Executive Orders or related OSHA guidance;

WHEREAS, The City of Clatskanie is obligated to adopt regulations designed to promote the public safety and general welfare of its citizenry consistent with existing law;

WHEREAS, a majority of our local businesses directly attribute state lockdowns and OSHA guidelines as solely responsible for their inability to earn a living;

WHEREAS, social distancing and prolonged isolation are proven to create a number of mental health issues such as anxiety and depression, sometimes pushing individuals over the edge toward suicide as a last resort;

WHEREAS, that same social distancing and prolonged isolation, combined with unemployment and other stressors, are increasing cases of domestic abuse and violence; and

WHEREAS, we believe in the kindness, compassion, and common sense of our citizens and businesses to help protect the most fragile and susceptible in our community:

WHEREAS, respect should be given by the Governor’s office to consider the needs of our communities, merchants and residents when implementing policies that could potentially devastate their ability to provide goods and services to their customers, as well as livelihoods for their families and employees; we hear directly from them, and are increasingly familiar with the growing desperation, fear and uncertainty that they are facing due to this ongoing crisis;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF CLATSKANIE RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. To declare an economic and public health crisis due to the current COVID-related State Emergency Declaration and related OSHA guidance, as a means of loudly and symbolically supporting our affected citizenry.
2. To communicate in writing with the Governor’s Office to encourage the full opening of our city and county, recategorization to low-population status, or suggesting other means

necessary to give our citizens relief from the Governor’s Executive Orders on COVID and related OHSA guidance.

3. To support reparations to business owners who have had their businesses and income affected by the Governor’s Executive Orders on COVID and relate OHSA guidance.
4. To share this resolution with other Oregon cities, counties, and media outlets in the hope those entities will also speak more loudly to end this economic and mental health crisis.
5. To support future statewide ballot initiatives that limit the duration and extent of Governor’s emergency powers, which may create similar lockdown scenarios during future emergencies, natural disasters, and pandemics.

ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Clatskanie this 5th day of May, 2021.

<u>ROLL CALL ADOPTION</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Mayor: Robert Brajcich	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Councilor: Toby Harris	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Jim Helmen	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Bruce Holsey	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Bruce Jolma	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Gary Jones	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Jean Sampson	[X]	[]	[]	[]

Robert Brajcich, Mayor

Marci Moore, City Recorder