



PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 20-07
FOR
THE CITY OF LEWISTON
BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT DEADLINES
June 12, 2020

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared the outbreak of the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) to be a pandemic;

WHEREAS, 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 United States, which declaration remains in effect;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Idaho Governor Brad Little declared a state of emergency due to COVID-19, which declaration remains in effect;

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Mayor Michael Collins, with the approval of the City Council, through Resolution 2020-14, declared a local disaster emergency exists in the City of Lewiston due to the occurrence and imminent threat to public health and safety arising from the effects of COVID-19 and appointed the Lewiston City Manager as the Director of Civil Defense pursuant to Lewiston City Code § 12-6;

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2020, Idaho Governor Brad Little issued a Stay-at-Home Order for all of Idaho;

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2020, Idaho Governor Brad Little established a data-driven approach to opening up Idaho and allowing reduced levels of travel and social interaction;

WHEREAS, Lewiston City Code sections 2-144 and 2-145 establish time limits for submitting petitions to the City for the creation of business improvement districts and for the City's review and validation of such petitions;

WHEREAS, due to COVID-19, Idaho's Stay-at-Home Order, and Idaho's staged approach to re-opening, efforts of petitioners seeking to establish a business improvement district between March 2020 and June 2020 would have been hindered because personal contact was severely restricted and many businesses were ordered to close;

WHEREAS, due to COVID-19, Idaho's Stay-at-Home Order, and Idaho's staged approach to re-opening, efforts of the City to validate a petition for a business improvement district between March 2020 and June 2020 would have been hindered because many City staff members were occupied with issues related to COVID-19 and were working from home with reduced access to resources needed to validate a petition for a business improvement district;

WHEREAS, the City of Lewiston desires to suspend the time limits set forth in Lewiston City Code sections 2-144 and 2-145 to account for the above-described hardships caused by COVID-19; and

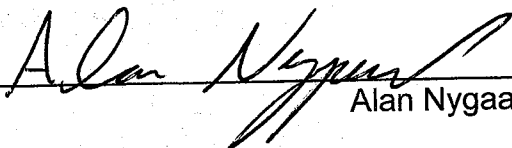
WHEREAS, pursuant to section 12-27 of the Lewiston City Code, the Director of Civil Defense has the authority to suspend City ordinances, or portions thereof, as the Director deems necessary and advisable given the specific public health emergency and in consideration of the health of City employees and the general public.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Alan Nygaard, City Manager and Director of Civil Defense of the City of Lewiston, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Lewiston City Code § 12-27, hereby order as follows:

1. **Suspension of Time Limits:** The time limits set forth in sections 2-144 and 2-145 of the Lewiston City Code are hereby suspended.
2. **Notice of Order:** A copy of this Order shall be posted on or near the front door of Lewiston City Hall, on the City's website, and on the City's social media accounts. Additionally, a copy of this order shall be e-mailed to all persons subscribed to the City's e-mail notification services and provided to the Lewiston City Council, the City Attorney, the Fire Chief, the Chief of Police, the Nez Perce Board of County Commissioners, the Nez Perce County Sheriff, the Nez Perce County Prosecutor, and all news media that have requested notification of such orders.
3. **Duration of Order:** This Order shall take effect on June 12, 2020 and shall remain in effect until rescinded, superseded, amended, or vetoed, or until the City of Lewiston Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency is terminated, whichever occurs first.

ISSUED this 12th day of June 2020.

DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE



Alan Nygaard, City Manager, City of Lewiston