



MEMORANDUM

TO: Whatcom County Council

FROM: Tyler Schroeder, Deputy Executive

DATE: April 27, 2020

SUBJECT: Emergency Ordinances replaced with Permanent Ordinances

Requested Action:

The County Executive is requesting adoption of six budget ordinances developed to replace and rescind the COVID-19 Emergency Ordinances recently adopted by Council. This is necessary because Emergency Ordinances expire on the sixty-first day following the date they became law.

Background and Purpose:

The Administration has been working with Council to respond to the COVID-19 Emergency. To effectively respond to this emergency several budget adjustments were made to ensure adequate cash flow was available to fund it. These adjustments were adopted as Emergency Ordinances for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and support of the county government. As Emergency Ordinances they expire on the sixty-first day following the date on which the ordinance became law as defined in WCC 2.02.135. As the emergency endures we must now adopt the replacement of these Emergency Ordinances as Permanent Ordinances.

<u>Agenda Bill No.</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Adopted Emergency Ordinances</u>
AB2020-195	Supersedes	Ord. 2020-008 (appropriates \$250k to COVID19 response)
AB2020-196	Supersedes	Ord. 2020-012 (increases emergency funding by \$1,155,821- GF \$250k and Homeless Housing \$905,821)
AB2020-197	Supersedes	Ord. 2020-016 (establishes COVID-19 Fund with \$1,750,000)
AB2020-198	Supersedes	Ord. 2020-018 (increases COVID-19 Fund by \$3,000,000)
AB2020-199	Supersedes	Ord. 2020-020 (appropriates Dept. Commerce Grant, \$154,946)
AB2020-200	Supersedes	Ord. 2020-015 and 2020-017 (\$4M interfund loan)

Funding Amount and Source:

General Fund, Public Utilities Improvement Fund (EDI) and Department of Commerce Grants. It is anticipated that costs and expenses related to the COVID-19 response will be reimbursed through FEMA.