

CITY OF CHELAN

EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-01

**AN ORDER FROM MAYOR ROBERT GOEDDE CONCERNING CERTAIN
SHORT-TERM RENTALS WITHIN CITY LIMITS IN RESPONSE TO THE
COVID-19 EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee issued Proclamation 20-05, proclaiming a State of Emergency for all counties throughout the state of Washington as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19, its significant progression in Washington State, and the high risk it poses to our most vulnerable populations, Governor Inslee subsequently issued amendatory Proclamations 20-06, 20-07, 20-08, 20-09, 20-10, 20-11, 20-12, 20-13, 20-14, 20-15, 20-16, 20-17, 20-18, 20-19, 20-20, 20-21, 20-22, 20-23, 20-24, 20-25 and 20-25.1 (collectively, Stay Home Proclamations) exercising his emergency powers under RCW 43.06.220 by prohibiting certain activities and waiving and suspending specified laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 disease, caused by a virus that spreads easily from person to person which may result in serious illness or death and has been classified by the World Health Organization as a worldwide pandemic, has broadly spread throughout Washington State, significantly increasing the threat of serious associated health risks statewide; and

WHEREAS, models predict that many hospitals in Washington State will reach capacity or become overwhelmed with COVID-19 patients within the next several weeks unless we substantially slow down the spread of COVID-19 throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic and its progression in Washington State continues to threaten the life and health of our people as well as the economy of Washington State, and remains a public disaster affecting life, health, property or the public peace; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Chelan County adopted and enacted Resolution 2020-32 declaring an emergency in order to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic emergency; and

WHEREAS, also on March 17, 2020, Mayor Robert Goedde issued an Emergency Executive Order, declaring the COVID-19 pandemic to be an emergency in the City of Chelan pursuant to Section 38.52.010 RCW and other relevant provisions of state and federal law; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, the City Council of the City of Chelan affirmed Mayor Goedde's Emergency Executive Order which authorized the Mayor to take actions necessary for the purpose of protecting public health; and

WHEREAS the number of infected persons and/or fatalities caused by COVID-19 continues to increase statewide, and

WHEREAS, since the COVID-19 emergency was declared by Governor Inslee on February 29, 2020, there has been an influx of people coming to the City of Chelan from other cities and counties, disregarding and disobeying Governor Inslee's proclamations by not staying home, and

WHEREAS, Short Term or Vacation Rentals, as those terms are defined in Chelan Municipal Code 5.15.020, are not deemed "essential services" and demonstrate a lack of compliance with the Stay Home Proclamations, as well as Chelan County and Chelan-Douglas Health District's requests; and

WHEREAS the conduct of Owners and Authorized Agents, as those terms are defined in CMC 5.15.020, who continue to operate Short Term Rentals during the emergency, disregard and disobey Governor Inslee's Stay Home Proclamations and place the public health, welfare and safety, of the citizens of the City of Chelan at great risk; and

WHEREAS the Chelan County Board of Commissioners recently adopted Resolution 20-38 and 20-39, pursuant to the Stay Home Proclamations and the Chelan County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, which purports to prohibit certain short-term rental activity in the unincorporated areas of the County; and

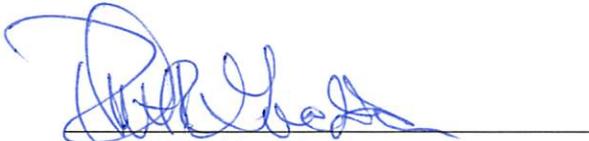
WHEREAS the County's prohibition on short-term rentals in unincorporated areas of the County will likely increase demand for short-term rentals within the corporate limits of the City of Chelan, notwithstanding the Governor's Stay Home Proclamations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert Goedde, Mayor of the City of Chelan, as a result of the above-noted situation, and under RCW Chapter 38.52 do hereby order:

1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as findings, conclusions and orders.
2. The previously-enacted Emergency Executive Order and City Resolution No. 2020-1365, as well the Stay Home Proclamations are incorporated herein.
3. There is an emergency which necessitates the continued activation of the emergency powers authorized under CMC Chapter 9.12 (Civil Emergency) and RCW Chapter 38.52 and any other emergency power granted by statute.
4. All Short-Term Rentals, as defined in CMC 5.15.020(A) shall cease renting accommodations and shall close; no use or occupancy is allowed regardless of whether it is compensated or not, except for providing accommodations or facilities only to persons for whom such accommodations or facilities are required (a) to conduct or participate in essential activities; (b) for employment in essential business services; or (c) otherwise permitted by the Governor's Stay Home Proclamations. Nothing in this order requires the removal of persons who are already staying in Short-Term Rentals at the time this order is made.
5. Nothing herein is intended to be inconsistent with the Governor's Stay Home Proclamations.

6. Any person willfully violating the Governor's Stay Home Proclamations may be found guilty of a gross misdemeanor. RCW 43.06.220. Moreover, Short Term Rentals found to violate this Order or the Governor's Stay Home Proclamations may result in a revocation or non-renewal of an Annual Short-Term Rental Operating License, as required in CMC 5.15.040.
7. This order shall remain in effect until midnight May 4, 2020, unless extended beyond that date by the City Council or by an extension of the Governor's Stay Home Proclamations.
8. This Order requiring compliance with the Stay Home Proclamations shall become effective immediately.

Signed this 16 day of April, 2020.



Robert Goedde, Mayor
City of Chelan, Washington