CITY OF BINGEN, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-05-716

AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION 2020-01

WHEREAS, the Honorable Betty J. Barnes, Mayor of the City of Bingen on the 14th day of March, 2020 proclaimed a local emergency, under Emergency Proclamation 2020-01, due to the threats to public health and welfare caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, as granted under Revised Code of Washington 38.52.070; and

WHEREAS, as of June 30, 2021, at 12:01 a.m. all industry sectors previously covered by guidance in the Healthy Washington – Roadmap to Recovery or the Safe Start Reopening Plan were allowed reopen to usual capacity and operations, with limited exceptions for large indoor events(any event with more than 10,000 simultaneous participants in an indoor, enclosed space.); and

WHEREAS, there no longer exists the threats to public health and welfare caused by the COVID-

pandemic; and

WHEREAS, there is lawful authority to validate any action taken by the CityBingen or any of its of agents, employees, and/or representatives under Emergency Proclamation 2020-01;

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Bingen does now rescind Emergency Proclamation 2020-01.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BINGEN, and effective immediately.

DATED this 20 day of July, 2021.

Mayor Betty J. Barnes

Approved as to form only:

Christopher R. Lanz

City Attorney

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City Clerk

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Rescinding Emergency Proclamation 2020-01

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Whereas, the State of Washington, along with much of the world, is experiencing an outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus, known as COVID-19, and;

Whereas, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and is easily spread from person to person, and;

Whereas, on January 31, 2020 the United States Department of Public Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public emergency for the 2019 Novel Coronavirus beginning on January 27, 2020, and;

Whereas, on February 20, 2020 Governor Inslee proclaimed a state of emergency (Proclamation 20-05) for all counties in Washington State due to the spread of COVID-19 and directed that the plans and procedures of the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan be implemented, and;

Whereas, on March 3, 2020 Klickitat County Emergency Operations Center was activated to Level-2 (partial activation) and is working to ensure that local stakeholders have access to all relevant information related to COVID-19 for preparation purposes, and;

Whereas, on March 13, 2020 the President of the United States declared a national emergency related to COVID-19, and;

Whereas, proactive measures must be taken to protect public health, safety and welfare of the City of Bingen, visitors, and staff, and;

Whereas, additional resources may be required in response to the COVID-19 outbreak, and; Whereas, the City may require supplemental assistance, and;

Whereas, the severity of this event may go beyond the capability of local resources and the duration of the event is unknown, and;

Whereas, the existing conditions related to COVID-19 warrant the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Betty Barnes, Mayor of the City of Bingen verbally proclaim that a local emergency now exists due to the COVID-19 outbreak and that emergency operations are in effect, and this necessitates the utilization of emergency powers granted under RCW 38.52.070.

DATED this 14th of March, 2020 at 3:45 p.m.

City of Bingen, Washington Emergency Proclamation 2020-01

The City of Bingen is authorized to exercise the powers vested under this proclamation considering the exigencies of this emergency without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law (except Constitutional requirements).

SIGNED AND DATED THIS 14th DAY OF MARCH, 2020.

Betty J. Barnes, Mayor