



**DECLARING A LOCAL MORATORIUM AND SUSPENSION ON NEW
PLANNING DEPARTMENT APPLICATIONS THAT REQUIRE
PLANNING COMMISSION REVIEW AND APPROVAL
FOR THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE**

April 7th, 2020

WHEREAS, the City of Brownsville has the authority granted under Oregon Revised Statutes Chapter 401, that provides direction to the City, its officials, and others in the event of an emergency; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 emergency pandemic declaration made by the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of Oregon, and the Linn County Board of Commissioners, and by the City of Brownsville through passage of Resolution 2020.07; and

WHEREAS, the foregoing circumstances constitute a threat of imminent widespread illness, human suffering, loss of life, and financial loss; and

WHEREAS, the foregoing circumstances affects all territory within the City limits; and

WHEREAS, the foregoing circumstances are anticipated to remain in effect until the President, Governor, or the Linn County Commissioners relieve either emergency declaration, or other unknown, future provisions that may allow for this emergency declaration to be lifted;

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS DECLARED THAT A STATE OF EMERGENCY NOW EXISTS IN THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE, ENCOMPASSING ALL OF THE AREA WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS; and,

Section I. Future Plan Submittals

- ★ The City will not accept any plan submittals that require official action by the City's Planning Commission as of April 7th, 2020.
- ★ Applicants nor opponents nor the Planning Commission can adequately evaluate and approve or disapprove of plans in an electronic format such as teleconferencing for a public hearing. Too many barriers make the process unfair for all parties including review of plans, conducting effective testimony, and evaluating neighborhood impacts among other factors.
- ★ Submittals for Conditional Uses, Planned Unit Developments and other such planning processes are hereby suspended as described above.



Section II. Continuing Application & Permit Reviews

- ★ Plans that are currently underway will continue to move through the process. Plans submitted will be reviewed and executed by Staff as needed.
- ★ Fence permits, accessory structure permits, sign permits and other local matters not requiring Planning Commission review will still be processed.
- ★ All plans dropped off at City Hall will be done by appointment only. Plans will be decontaminated and will wait to be reviewed for a minimum of three (3) full days, and maybe up to as many as seven (7) days depending on guidance from the appropriate health advisors. These protocols have been put in place to keep City Staff healthy and safe.

THIS DECLARATION IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY ON APRIL 7th, 2020 AND SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNDER THE CONDITIONS SET FORTH ABOVE, UNLESS SUPERCEDED SOONER.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Don Ware", followed by a horizontal line.

Don Ware
Mayor