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Economic development advisory
board

April 23, 2020

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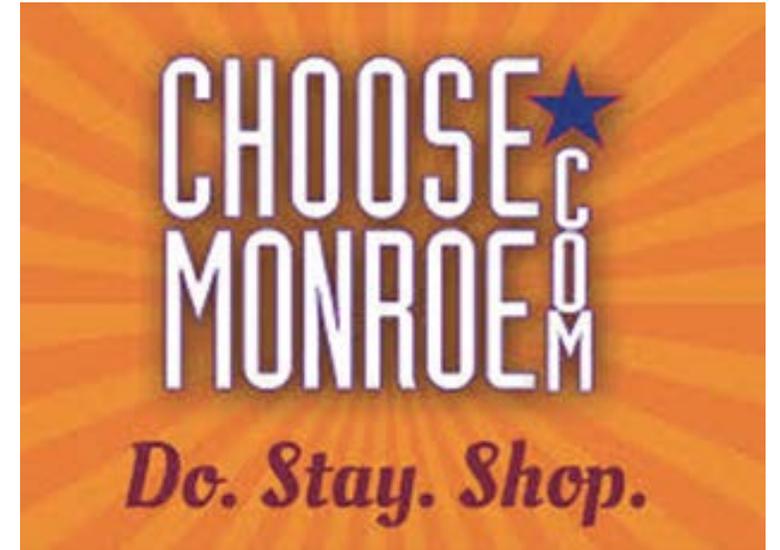
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APPROVE MEETING MINUTES



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CALL TO ORDER

The April 9, 2020 Monroe Economic Development Advisory Board Meeting was called to order at 8:08 a.m.; Zoom Meeting Platform.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Allan Dye, Sally King¹, Liz Nugent, Bridgett Tuttle, Katy Woods; and ex-officio members Janelle Drews and Jim Watt

Staff present: Deborah Knight, James Palmer, Rich Huebner, Ben Swanson and Denise Johns

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/UPDATES

Mr. Dye commented that businesses have been reporting nonessential businesses that have continued operating.

Ms. Nugent commented that Main Street businesses and small restaurants are hurting, and provided the example of Burger Madness, which is down between 50-60%. Ms. Nugent also commented that a local excavator has received some jobs due to landslides, but the owner is doing all work himself and has not had enough work for his crew members.

Ms. Nugent commented she has been assisting numerous local businesses with applications to the assistance programs recently announced; she shared that Wells Fargo has recently opened its Paycheck Protection Plan (PPP) applications, which is the program a majority of her clients are applying for.

Ms. Woods commented that the Small Business Administration (SBA) has stopped accepting PPP applications as of the morning of April 16 due to exhaustion of the funds. Ms. Woods commented that Congress is considering an additional infusion to the program, but that is not yet approved.

Ms. Woods commented that Coastal Community Bank secured 65 PPP loans for businesses in Monroe, and that the branch will continue to accept applications and hold them for submission upon approval of additional funds.

Ms. Knight expressed appreciation to Ms. Woods for the assistance she and her staff provided to small businesses in Monroe in their applications.

Mr. Palmer commented that Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal has proposed a program of direct grants to businesses, bypassing lending institutions; approval of such a program would provide assistance to businesses denied by lenders due to a lack of an existing customer relationship.

¹ Note: Board Member King exited the meeting at approximately 9:00 a.m.

Ms. Tuttle also expressed appreciation to Ms. Woods for the support of Coastal Community Bank; Ms. Tuttle commented that she has spoken to other business owners in Monroe who did not receive similar support from their financial institutions.

Ms. Tuttle commented that there has been a lack of clarity from the state on when businesses would be allowed to re-open; for example if the Stay Home/Stay Healthy order is lifted on May 4, it is unclear if businesses will be allowed to reopen the next day or if there would be a phased re-opening of the state's economy.

Ms. Tuttle commented that through her engagement with fellow business owners, she has become aware of an increasing of issues of mental health. Ms. Tuttle and Ms. Knight discussed the potential of a communication campaign encouraging ways to check-in with and support business owners affected by the shutdown.

Ms. Knight commented that she has become aware of a desire of some affected by the shutdown to do volunteer work, and asked that anyone aware of volunteer opportunities to please share those with her.

Ms. Knight commented that she has heard of some efforts to spotlight graduating high school seniors who will not experience the traditional end of the year festivities this school year. Ms. Knight commented that one particular program involves placing pictures of graduation seniors in the windows of downtown retail spaces. Ms. Tuttle expressed support for such a program, and offered the windows of Monroe Pizza and Pints to the effort.

Ms. Drews commented that she is focusing on the Farmer's Market, with some guidelines recently received from the Snohomish Health District. Ms. Drews shared that craft vendors will not be allowed for the duration of the season.

Ms. Drews provided an update that the Chamber is in the planning stages for digital networking events for members to encourage social distanced engagement.

Ms. Drews expressed support for the high school senior spotlight program, and suggested something similar to the Downtown Snowflake program. Ms. Knight suggested coordination with the school district, and Ms. Drews agreed to coordinate and schedule a conversation with district leadership.

Ms. King commented that the Virtual Town Hall meeting, hosted by the city on Tuesday, April 14, went very well and complimented Mr. Palmer for his planning and presentation.

Ms. King also offered to help economic development efforts any way she could and offered herself as a resource, especially in the area of data analysis. Ms. Knight commented that she had some ideas of ways Ms. King could assist, and suggested they discuss directly at a later date.

Mr. Watt commented that he has been working with Ms. Drews and Mr. Palmer to get in touch with as many Monroe businesses as possible. Mr. Watt commented that he is undertaking this effort in-person as much as possible and using this period both to introduce himself, as he is new in his position, and understand the pressing needs of downtown businesses.

Ms. Watt commented that the Downtown Monroe Association is placing a priority on removal of graffiti in the downtown area.

Mr. Palmer commented that through the Working Washington Grant, Snohomish County was allocated \$365,000, which is being allocated by Economic Alliance Snohomish County proportionally by population; based on this model, Monroe has been allocated \$8,582, which is slightly less than one grant at the maximum award amount of \$10,000.

Mr. Palmer shared the draft criteria provided by EASC for the review of grant applications. In the current format, businesses will score higher based on the length of time in business, but there is discussion among communities in the County if this is a valid metric.

Mr. Palmer explained that each community is to grade the applications from their local businesses and refer the applications to EASC in ranked order.

Discussion ensued of who will participate in the scoring. Mr. Palmer suggested, and it was agreed, that any member who submitted an application is to recuse themselves from grading. Ms. Knight suggested that herself, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Huebner and Mr. Swanson from the city staff, and Ms. Nugent and Ms. King from the Advisory Board; each suggested individual agreed.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Town Hall Meeting

Ms. Tuttle commented that she felt the April 14 Town Hall Meeting went great. Ms. Tuttle expressed appreciation for the opportunity to hear from Mayor Thomas and Mr. Palmer, and stated that she does not believe city staff and elected officials realize how much the community as a whole wants to hear from city leadership.

Ms. Tuttle commented that that format of the April 14 Town Hall Meeting was good, with the subject matter narrowly focused.

Ms. Tuttle suggested for a full-length question and answer period for a subsequent Town Hall, and this format would be a great opportunity for the city to hear and acknowledge the frustrations of business owners as shared at the conclusion of the April 14 Town Hall.

Ms. Tuttle suggested additional future topics as (1) the avenues available for businesses to seek clarification from the governor's office of if they are classified as essential, and (2) the pathway for businesses to re-open after the Stay Home/Stay Healthy order is lifted.

Ms. Nugent expressed support for continued Town Hall meetings and suggested they be held weekly when possible.

Ms. Woods expressed support for the format and topic of the April 14 Town Hall, and commented that the subject matter was helpful to the business community.

Ms. King inquired if there were any opportunities to host a socially distanced face-to-face meeting. Ms. Knight commented that is not currently allowed under the Stay Home/Stay Healthy order, but expressed hope that it would be possible soon.

Mr. Dye commented that the April 14 presentation was beneficial and that continued meetings of this type would be as well, especially if on a consistent date and time. Ms. Knight commented that the April 14 meeting was held during the City Council's regular meeting period, but that perhaps future Town Hall meetings could be scheduled for nights the Council meetings are cancelled.

B. City Small Business Stimulus Package

Ms. Knight reviewed with the Board the five elements currently proposed or enacted as part of a potential City Small Business Stimulus Package. The five elements and Board comments to each are listed individually below:

a. Staff Gift Cards

This program would give all employees of the City a \$100 gift card to spend at businesses in Monroe. The gift cards would be issued as a reimbursement to employees; reimbursement would be issued for either \$100 or the full value of eligible expenses, whichever is less. Eligible expenses would be for those expenses spent only at businesses within the city limits of Monroe, and the employee would submit receipts verifying their expenses to receive the reimbursement.

Discussion ensued, and all members expressed support for the proposed employee gift card program. Mr. Dye expressed the concern that some businesses may feel left out if they receive less support than others. Ms. Knight commented that employees would be encouraged to give their patronage to multiple businesses.

b. Utility Late Fee Waivers

This program is already in place, city-wide, through April, for both commercial businesses and residences. Ms. Knight commented that the program could be extended for commercial businesses as long as considered needed.

Ms. Tuttle expressed support for the program, and stated that she doesn't believe any past due balances should be forgiven, but instead prorated into subsequent bills for a period of time.

c. Waiver of Building Fees City-wide

The City has currently waived all city-imposed building fees in the Downtown area; state-mandated fees and Fire District inspection fees are still being collected.

The proposal extended the program through the end of the year and expand it to include all commercial projects within city limits; city fees would still be collected on single and multi-family residential construction.

Ms. Woods asked what the budget impact of such an expansion would be. Ms. Knight commented that she is gathering an estimate of the impact to present to the City Council, and will provide an update on this question at the next EDAB meeting.

Ms. Tuttle expressed opposition to this program, stating that she believes waivers of other fees would be of greater impact.

Mr. Dye commented that he is generally in support of the program, but doesn't believe it will be a deciding factor for businesses, and that he anticipates a construction slowdown regardless.

d. Waiver of Mandatory Garbage Pick-up for Closed Businesses

This program is already in place. Ms. Knight commented that she anticipates recommending to the City Council that the program be extended through the end of the year.

Discussion ensued and support of this recommendation was unanimous.

e. Proclamation Urging the Governor to Issue a Moratorium on Commercial Lease Payments

Ms. Knight commented that the city was contacted by a number of local business owners who were concerned they would be forced out of business if unable to make lease payments; the city considered enacting such a moratorium at the local level, but the City Attorney considered such an action risky. Ms. Knight explained that city staff engaged multiple partner government agencies on the topic and received feedback that each had come to a similar determination.

Ms. Tuttle commented that businesses that have been deemed essential and able to remain open are "okay", and that she believes a moratorium on evictions would be more impactful; Ms. Tuttle expressed support for this proposal.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Board member Katy Woods made a motion to approve the minutes of April 9, 2020. The motion was seconded by Board member Liz Nugent. Motion carried 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Deborah Knight, City Administrator

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/UPDATES



Janelle Drews
Sally King

Tourism

Geofencing
Tourism Data
Choose Monroe
LTAC Funding Priorities
Wayfinding/Gateway Signs



Mike Buse
Allen Dye
Katy Woods

Business Recruitment

North Kelsey (Tjerne Place)
Recruitment Strategies
ED Webpage Update
Data
Business Survey
Small Business Development
Workforce Development



Bridgette Tuttle
Meghan Wirsching

Growth & Development

Vision 2050
Zoning
Land Use
Infrastructure
ED Element Comp Plan
Growth Management Act
Airport Zone

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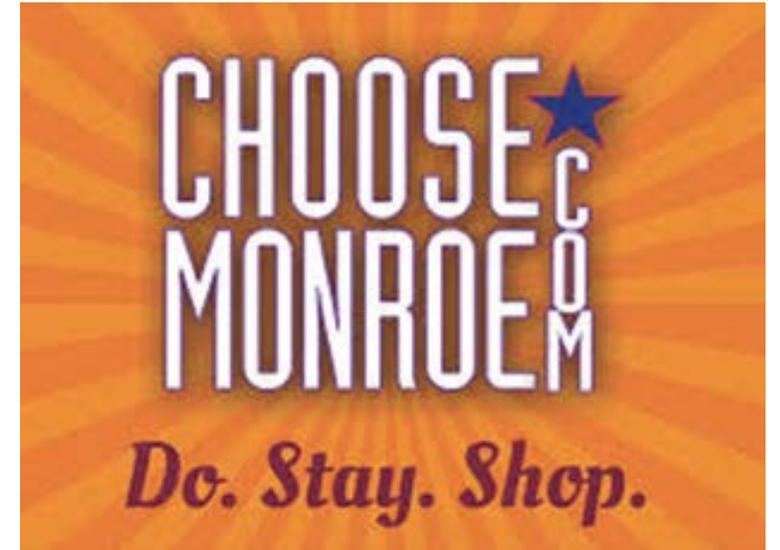
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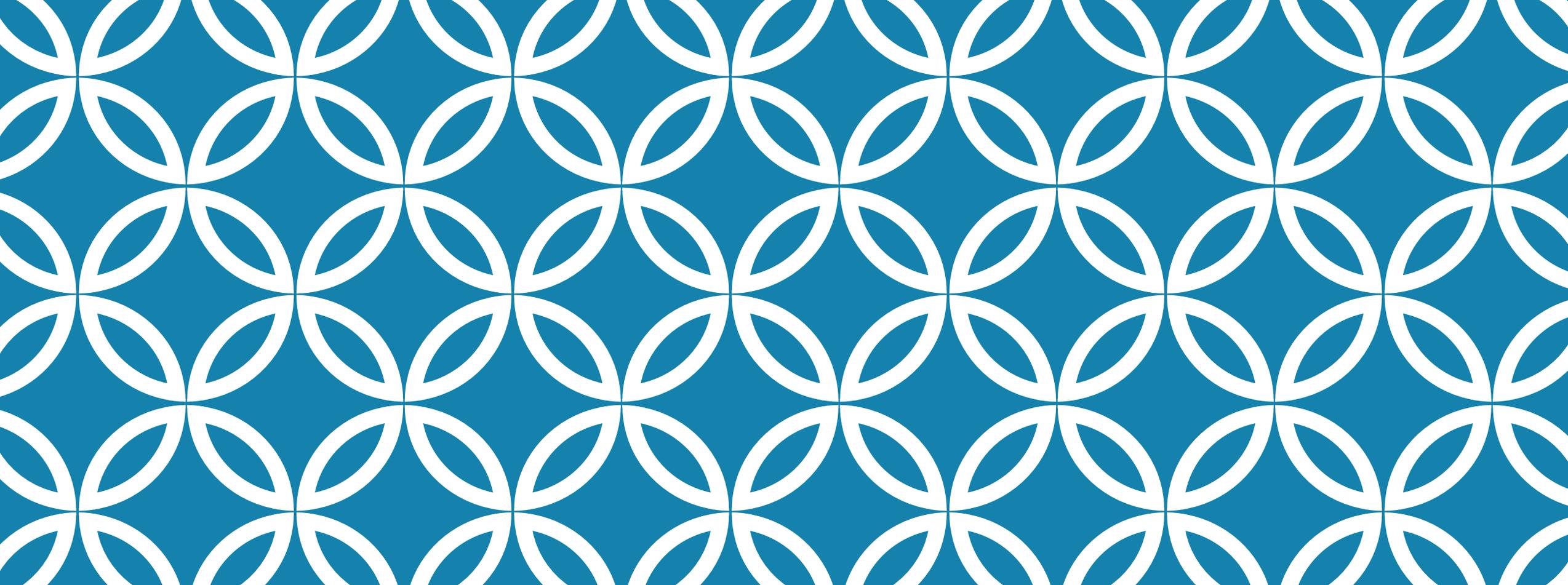
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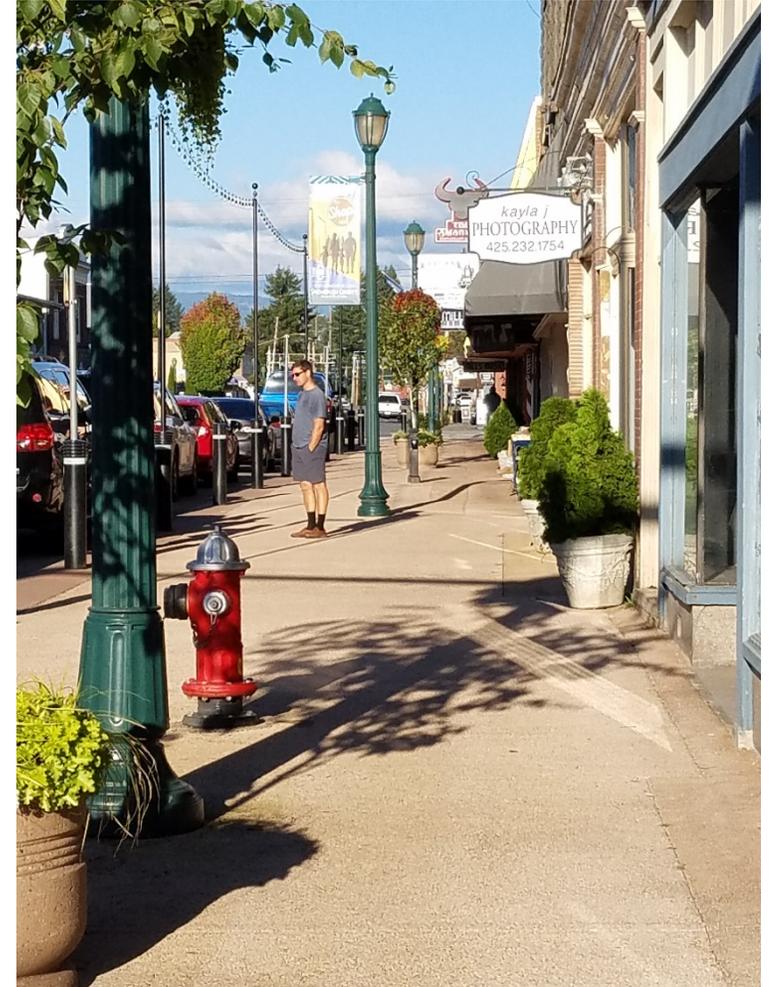
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MONROE SMALL CITY STIMULUS PACKAGE

- ❑ Staff Gift Cards - \$100/FTEmployee
 - ❑ \$12,000 for Monroe small businesses and local non-profits impacted during Stay Home order
 - ❑ Reimbursed from June 1 to September 1
- ❑ Waive Building Permit Fees City-wide
 - ❑ Expands downtown fee waiver program city-wide such as building, mechanical, plumbing, signs, tenant improvements, right-of-way, etc.
- ❑ Utility late fee waivers for commercial accounts
- ❑ Waive Mandatory Garbage for closed businesses
- ❑ Proclamation urging Governor to place a moratorium on commercial evictions



**CITY OF MONROE
ORDINANCE NO. 009/2019**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MONROE,
WASHINGTON, EXTENDING FOR AN ADDITIONAL ONE
YEAR PERIOD THE TEMPORARY ELIMINATION OF FEES
FOR CERTAIN PERMITS ASSOCIATED WITH
DEVELOPMENT IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA AND FIXING
A TIME WHEN THE SAME SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE

WHEREAS, the City of Monroe processes permits required for development of land; and

WHEREAS, a condition precedent for processing any application for said permits is the payment of fees associated therewith; and

WHEREAS, development in the downtown area of the City of Monroe has been lagging those in other areas of the City; and

WHEREAS, the slowdown in development in the downtown area of the City is resulting in lower tax revenues for the City; and

WHEREAS, on May 18, 2018, the Monroe City Council passed Ordinance No. 014/2018, temporarily eliminating fees for certain permits associated with development in the downtown area; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 014/2018 is set to expire one year after its June 14, 2018, effective date; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it is desirable and beneficial to the City of Monroe to continue to encourage development in the downtown area of the City by extending the temporary elimination of fees for certain permits associated with development in the downtown area for an additional one year period beyond the June 14, 2018, expiration date provided for in Ordinance No. 014/2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City of Monroe shall not charge any fee as a condition precedent for processing applications for any city permit that is listed in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, for developments in the Downtown Area. Fee waivers do not apply to Single-family dwelling permits.

Section 2. Downtown Area shall exclusively include those areas within the City as set forth in Exhibit B, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 3. The following fees shall remain unaffected by the adoption of this ordinance: (1) fees for application for City permit that are not listed in Exhibit A; (2) fees for any application for permit that are listed in Exhibit C, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference; (3) fees for any application for non-City permits, including but not limited to those required by or originating from the State of Washington or special purpose districts; (4) fees associated with third party consultant work necessary to process any application for permit; and (5) fees for application for permit for development outside the Downtown Benefit District.

Section 4. Any question or ambiguity relating to whether a certain fee is affected by the adoption of this ordinance as provided in Section 1, or remain unaffected as provided in Section 3, shall be decided in favor of the latter.

Section 5. Future amendments to what is commonly referred to as the City of Monroe's Fee Resolution shall be consistent with this ordinance.

Section 6. The City of Monroe shall not increase, as a direct result of this ordinance, the fees for any application for permit for development outside the Downtown Area, for which there is no fee for the same application within the Downtown Area.

Section 7. Notwithstanding the fee waiver authorized under this ordinance, properties located in the Downtown Area shall be fully subject to the same penalties for regulatory and/or permitting noncompliance and violations as any other property in Monroe city limits. Without limitation of the foregoing, if work requiring a building permit is performed without first obtaining a permit, the applicant shall be charged two times the fee amount established in Table 1-A Building Fee Table and Table 103.4.2(A).

Section 8. Unless sooner repealed by action of the City Council, this ordinance shall automatically expire on June 14, 2020. Approximately forty-five days before the automatic expiration of this ordinance, the Director of Community Development, or his designee, shall report to the City Council on the costs and benefits to the City of Monroe as a result of this ordinance.

Section 9. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

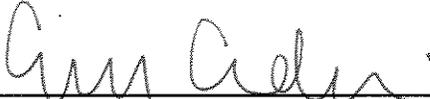
Section 10. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect five (5) days from and after its passage and approval and publication as required by law. The one-year implementation period of this ordinance shall commence with the June 14, 2019, expiration date of Ordinance No. 014/2018, and shall expire June 14, 2020.

PASSED by the City Council and APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Monroe, at a regular meeting held this 14th day of May, 2019.

1st Reading Waived
Final Reading: May 14, 2019
Published: May 17, 2019
Effective: May 22, 2019

(SEAL)

ATTEST:


Elizabeth M. Adkisson, MMC, City Clerk

CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON:


Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


J. Zachary Lell, City Attorney

EXHIBIT A

FEES TO BE WAIVED:

- Accessory dwelling units
- Boundary line adjustment
- Environmental (SEPA) review (DNS and Mitigated only; environmental consultant fees not waived)
- Short plat
- Plat amendments
- Site plan review
- Building permits -
 - Building plan review fees (structural consultant review fees not waived)
 - Building permit fees (State's \$4.50 building permit fee not waived)
- Plumbing and mechanical fees
- Public works construction fees
- Right-of-way permits
- Utility availability letter
- Grading plan review fees
- Grading permit
- Sign Permits
- Tenant Improvement Permits
- Demolition Permits

EXHIBIT B

Area included within the "Downtown Area".

The area bordered by the following: Madison Street on the west, McDougall Street on the south, Al Borlin Park on the east and Burlington Northern Railroad right-of-way on the north. Where the boundaries are indicated by a street, the boundary shall be the centerline of that street. Where the boundaries are irregular, the study area boundary shown on the City's official zoning map as the Downtown Commercial Zone.

EXHIBIT C

FEES NOT WAIVED:

Contract and binding site plan
Land clearing permits
Model homes
Subdivisions
Planned residential development
Rezone application
Shoreline permits (includes variances, conditional uses, substantial development;
environmental consultant)
Special use permit
Variance
Conditional use permit
Fire flow test
Street right-of-way vacation fees
Special flood hazard area development permit

Any State fees on permits
Capital improvement fees
Consultant charges
Fire District fees
Reimbursement agreement fees
Transportation concurrency fees
Water service connection fees
Sewer connection fees
Water, sanitary sewer and storm sewer frontage fees
Park Plan, Transportation Plan, and School impact fees
SEPA concurrency fees

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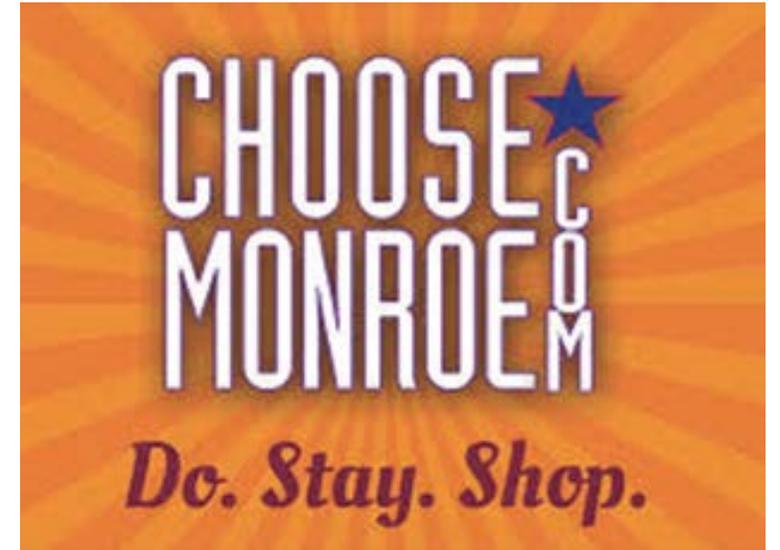
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GOVERNOR'S "SAFE RETURN TO PUBLIC LIFE"

1

Protect the Health and Safety of Washingtonians

Guided by data and science, we must continue to suppress the virus, protect our most vulnerable and treat those who are sick. We must ensure that COVID-19 infections and deaths are decreasing and that we have sufficient testing and contact identification in place before taking steps toward loosening restrictions.

2

Facilitate a Safe Start and Transition to Economic Recovery

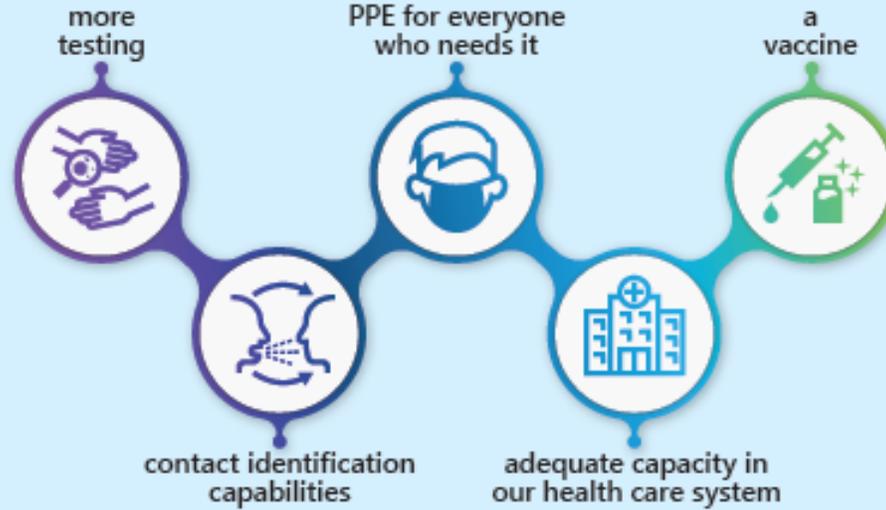
A healthy workforce is needed for a healthy economy. When it is safe, we will take measured steps to get people back to doing what they do best in a way that protects themselves and their communities' health.

3

Support All People and Communities

We will use an equity lens for recovery efforts to enhance people's physical, emotional and financial well-being, with particular attention to those who have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19, including communities of color, individuals experiencing homelessness, individuals with disabilities, as well as those experiencing unemployment, poverty, and food insecurity.

The safe, healthy path back to normal requires:



Until then, preventing another outbreak is our priority.



Most large gatherings will remain prohibited.



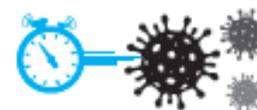
Teleworking and distance learning will continue.



Physical distancing will continue.

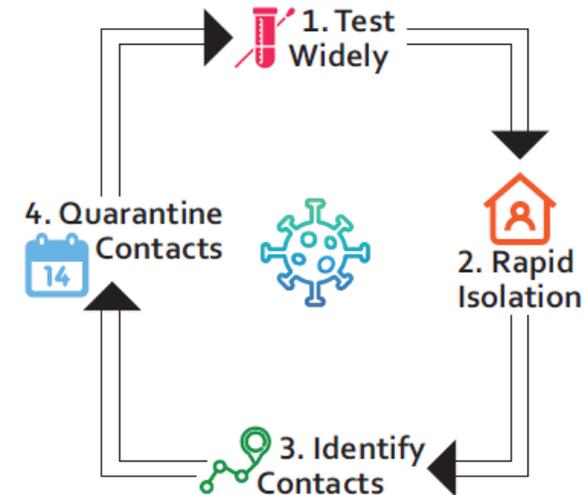


Some industries will open faster than others – we'll provide guidance.



If another outbreak occurs, restrictions could go back into place.

Box In The Virus





— WASHINGTON GOVERNOR —

JAY INSLEE

POLICY BRIEF

April 2020

SAFE RETURN TO PUBLIC LIFE IN WASHINGTON STATE

The COVID-19 pandemic has required leaders around the world to take extraordinary measures to protect people and ensure medical providers have what they need to adequately care for those who become ill. Gov. Jay Inslee declared a State of Emergency on February 29 and rolled out a series of measures that ultimately led to the statewide Stay Home, Stay Healthy order on March 23. The order prohibited all non-essential businesses and travel as well as all social, recreational and religious gatherings.

While the state continues its aggressive effort to stop the spread of COVID-19, Inslee has worked with elected officials, public health experts, employers and workers, philanthropic organizations and others about how to prepare communities and employers for a safe return to public life.

Collaborate with Community Leaders from Around the State

In the coming days and weeks, the governor will appoint three leadership groups consisting of key community figures to advise the governor on:

- › Public health and our health care system.
- › Economic recovery and safe return to work.
- › Social supports to the most vulnerable and those affected by COVID-19.

The governor's office will actively engage with and seek input from all levels of government and other members of communities.



Governor Inslee announces the Stay Home, Stay Healthy order to Washingtonians on March 23, 2020.

The return to public life will occur in measured steps, guided by science, and informed by our public health needs, ability to mitigate impacts, and the response of our communities.

We will be transparent about the data we are using, and will use that data to make decisions about loosening or tightening restrictions on the Stay Home, Stay Healthy order.

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Recovery in Washington state will be gradual, data-driven, and health-focused.

The safe, healthy path back to normal requires:

more testing



PPE for everyone who needs it



a vaccine

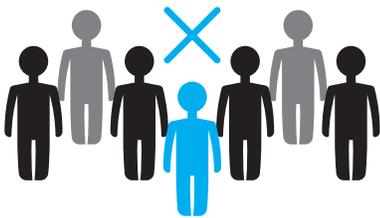


contact identification capabilities

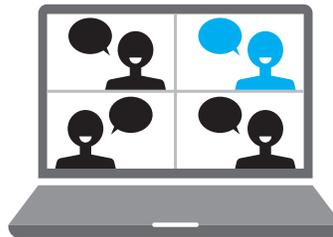


adequate capacity in our health care system

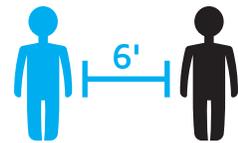
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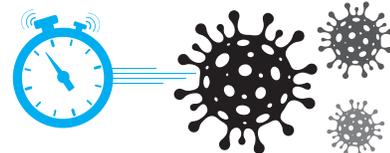
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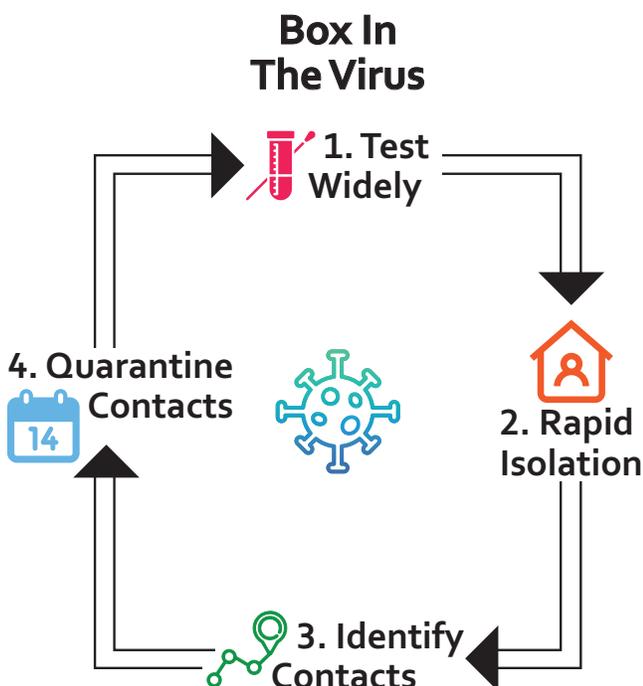
Our ability to protect the health of Washingtonians depends on our ability to test everyone with symptoms, identify who they've had contact with, ensure we can treat them and — ultimately — secure a vaccine. This work is especially important as we try to protect and treat our most at-risk populations.

Test, Identify, Treat

- › **Provide wide-scale, rapid testing capabilities across the state:** Have testing supplies and capacity available so we can rapidly test everyone with COVID-19 symptoms and identify people who are infected. Continue work to obtain supplies for COVID-19 tests.
- › **Identify those who have been exposed:** Quickly identify and reach out to the close contacts of those infected with COVID-19 so they can take care of themselves and protect others. Ramp up the workforce to help identify and communicate with COVID-19-exposed individuals in a culturally responsive way.
- › **Isolate and quarantine:** Ensure that people who have been exposed have a safe place to recover while being treated and don't put others at risk.
- › **Treat those who have COVID-19:** Our strong health care system must continue to care for those who have contracted the virus and provide needed treatment for their recovery.

Protect the Most Vulnerable

- › **Protect high-risk populations:** Have sufficient testing, infection control and physical distancing for the most high-risk people, including residents of congregate living facilities, homeless shelters or encampments, and high-risk groups using public transit and other public services.
- › **Prevent the spread:** Provide personal protective equipment, screening and testing for health care workers and maintain limited visitor policies and visitor health screens in hospitals, long-term care facilities and other locations with high-risk populations.
- › **Ensure access to protective supplies for the public:** Make sure there are ample supplies of prevention materials, such as COVID-19 testing, masks or cloth face coverings, protective and cleaning supplies, and hand sanitizer for all needing it.
- › **Treat equitably and compassionately:** Everyone who contracts COVID-19, including those from the most marginalized communities, must be treated with care and compassion, regardless of their situation, health status or ability to pay for treatment.



Equip Our Health System for Success

- › **Support a resilient health care system:** Maintain a strong workforce and surge capacity capable of meeting the needs of a second wave of infections. Restart elective surgeries, if there is sufficient surge capacity and PPE.
- › **Use data and information:** Collect data across our communities to monitor and model the COVID-19 situation in real time to make recovery decisions. Develop health technology capabilities to enhance connections between public health and health care.
- › **Prepare for treatments and vaccination:** Be prepared to distribute proven treatments to help curb the onset and severity of COVID-19. Prepare for the distribution of a vaccine when it becomes available.

2 Facilitate a Safe Start and Transition to Economic Recovery

Economic recovery requires a safe start and healthy workforce. Workplaces will continue to look and operate differently. Continued physical distancing, teleworking and other measures will continue to be necessary to keep workers and customers safe.

Getting People Back to Work

- › **Implement a phased-in approach:** Businesses should prepare for interventions to be rolled back slowly and deliberately; develop a phased-in approach for when certain industries and venues will reopen based on their ability to address health risks. Develop specific science-based guidance around the phases of return to public life for employers, employees, customers, and the general public.
- › **Maintain smart physical distancing and other public health requirements:** Businesses and public spaces will need to maintain physical distancing, prevent touching of surfaces, construct barriers, and make modifications, as necessary, to keep employees, customers and the public safe.
- › **Implement requirements for employers and workers:** Keep the workforce healthy and allow businesses to reopen and stay open by: frequent handwashing and worksite cleaning; screening and clear plans if an employee becomes ill, including contact identification/notification to other workers in close proximity; worker training; adequate supplies available for worker protection; and continuing teleworking policies, wherever possible. Continue to make special accommodations for high-risk workers.

Preparing for a “Safe Start”

- › **Leverage lessons learned from businesses adhering to new safety standards:** Replicate best practices from industries that have adjusted to new safety standards and apply them to other industries for a safe start, as appropriate.
- › **Listen and learn:** Understand levels of preparedness for industry transition and assess what businesses, industries and communities need to have a safe start.

- › **Assist small businesses with preparedness for new safety standards:** Prepare restaurants, main street businesses, and manufacturers that are critical to local economies and paying living wages to be able to meet the new safety standards as soon as it is appropriate for a safe start.
- › **Assess and support the recovery of regional economies with attention to both urban centers and rural communities:** Develop and use a data-based approach to determine support needed by sector and region, including infrastructure needs to assist with recovery.

Getting to Economic Recovery

- › **Accelerate investments and innovation:** Leverage strong partnerships to coordinate efforts across state and local governments, collaborate among industries, and leverage the private sector and philanthropic communities to assist with economic recovery and invest in innovation and critical infrastructure.
- › **Make informed decisions:** Use data and analytics to:
 - 1) Develop tools for assessing economic impact.
 - 2) Inform how stimulus and recovery dollars are directed to ensure equitable access for under-served communities.
 - 3) Develop a comprehensive economic analysis tool by region and sector to inform budget and policy decisions.
- › **Make it easier for workers to navigate the new economy:** Create pathways for workers to find new jobs through training and upskilling, and offer worker supports for identified areas of critical need.
- › **Build job creation capacity through entrepreneurship and small business development:** Empower small businesses with tools they need to transition back to work, restore trade activity and promote supply chain resiliency.

3 Support All People and Communities

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected nearly every aspect of our daily lives. Each person in our state will need some kind of help to get through this. We'll work together to make sure people have the support they need to get back on their feet.

Increase Social and Emotional Supports

- › **Build capacity for behavioral health services:** Recognize the increased need for substance use, mental and behavioral health services and build new innovative approaches to delivering care, including telehealth expansions.
- › **Offer supports for stress and anxiety:** Develop resources for those who have experienced stress, depression or anxiety as a result of the COVID-19 crisis.
- › **Ensure equitable access to social and emotional resources:** Provide access and enhanced or directed supports to communities that have experienced disproportionate impacts due to the COVID-19 crisis.
- › **Counteract social isolation:** Encourage virtual gatherings and socially-distanced reconconnections. Encourage outdoor recreation that naturally encourages physical distancing and has behavioral health benefits.

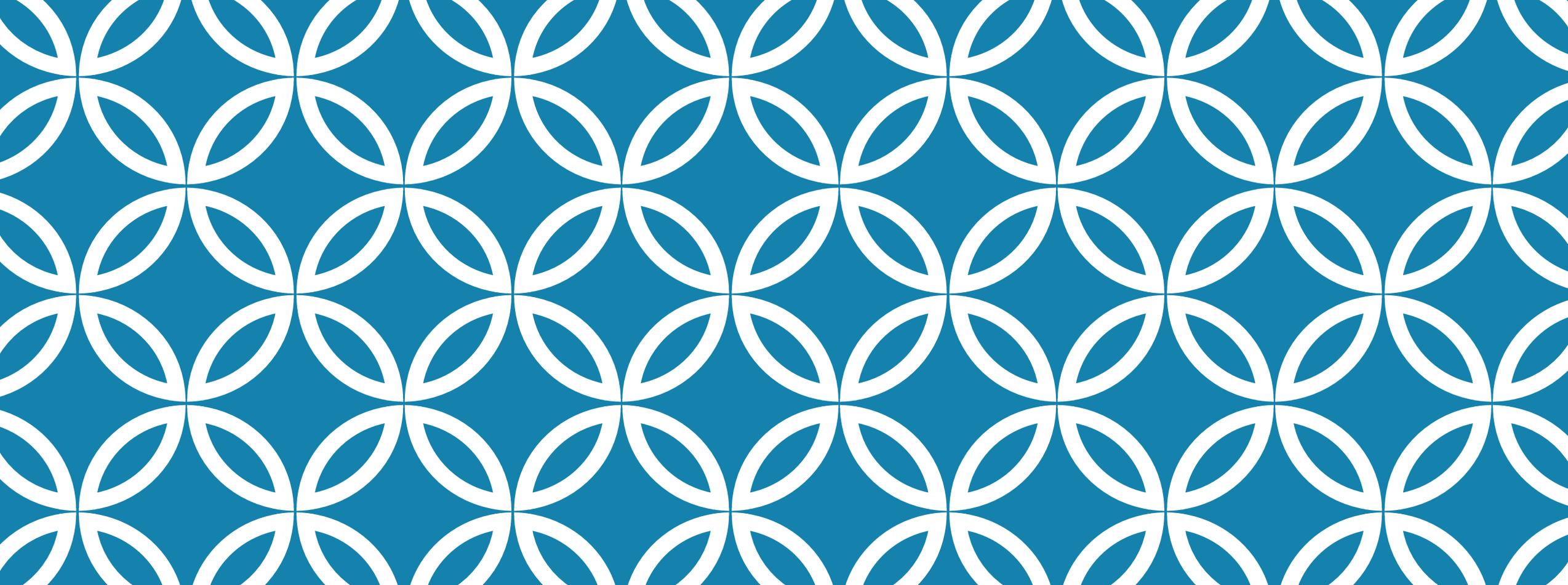
Provide Food and Housing Security

- › **Ensure individuals, families, and high-risk populations have access to ample, nutritious foods:** Secure food for people who no longer have the financial means to provide food for themselves.
- › **Increase food supplies to all areas of the state:** Build a stronger sustainable food supply chain to fulfill the nutritional needs of Washingtonians, including through local farms and industry.
- › **Help individuals and families experiencing homelessness find access to safe housing:** Assist the growing population who have lost their homes to find safe, temporary and permanent housing. Provide supports to people so they can stay in their existing homes.

- › **Offer social, health, and employment supports to those without food and housing security:** Provide services and financial assistance for people to get back into the workforce, while also ensuring access to adequate food supplies, essential services and affordable permanent housing.

Offer Education and Child Care Supports

- › **Innovate on academic learning:** Provide school districts, teachers, and students with additional tools they need to improve distance learning capabilities and maintain academic and social-emotional supports for students. Provide post-secondary students with resources to be able continue their education.
- › **Prevent additional educational disparities caused by COVID-19:** Develop and provide resources to close the educational opportunity gap for students of color, English language learners, students with individualized education plans, students in the child welfare or juvenile justice systems, students who are homeless, and those who have not had the same preschool or distance learning opportunities. This includes increasing access to broadband.
- › **Promote access to child care for unemployed parents returning to work:** Remove or reduce child care costs for parents seeking employment opportunities.



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NEW FEDERAL STIMULUS PACKAGE

The Senate passed a roughly \$480 billion relief package Tuesday that new funding for small businesses hurt by the coronavirus outbreak along with other priorities like money for hospitals and expanded Covid-19 testing.

\$300 billion for the PPP.

\$60 billion or so was to be set aside -- and divided equally -- for smaller banks and community lenders that seek to focus on under-banked neighborhoods and rural areas.

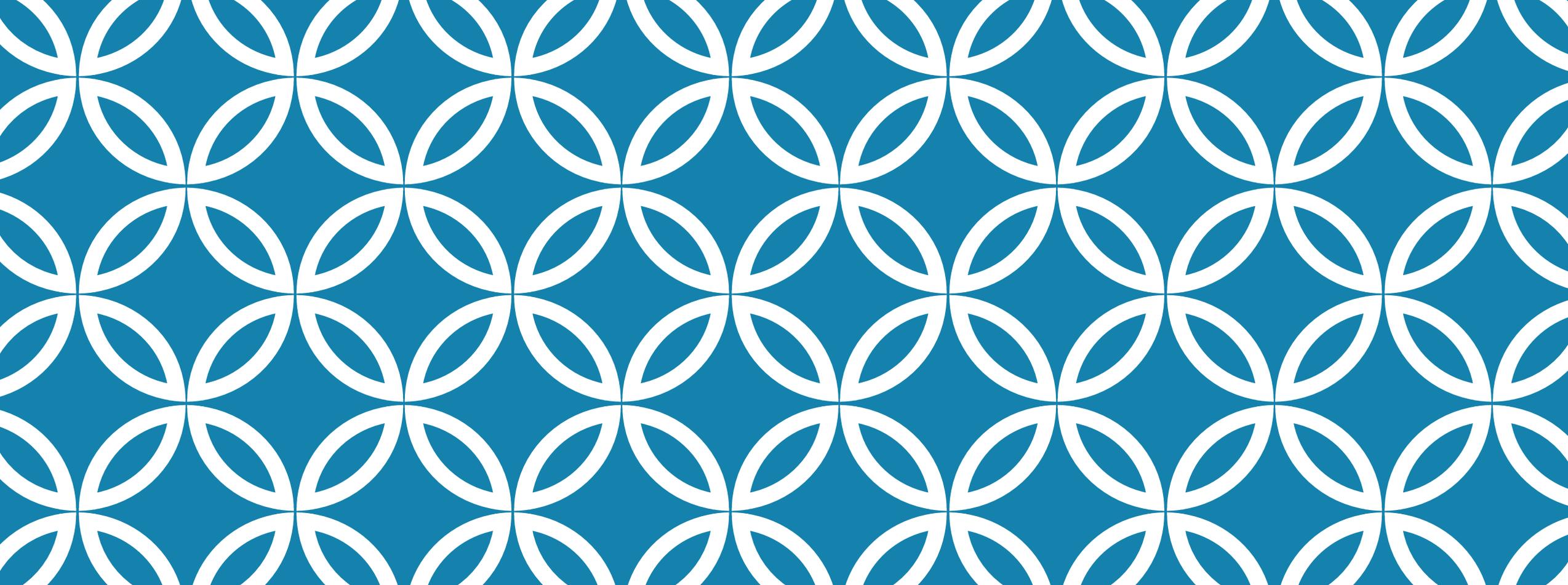
\$60 billion for a small-business loans and grants program delivered through an existing small-business disaster aid program.

\$10 billion of which would come in the form of direct grants.

\$75 billion more to hospitals and health care providers

\$25 billion for state-led COVID-19 testing plans and for research, development and other testing support from key agencies such as the CDC and the National Institutes of Health

The bill goes to the House, which is expected to vote on the package Thursday.



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- Next Town Hall Meeting?
 - Thursday, May 7 or May 14
- New Federal Stimulus Package
- Promotion
 - Web, social media, DMA, Chamber
 - City of Monroe Economic Development Advisory Board



NEXT MEETING THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2020

8:00AM-9:30AM

Zoom Meeting

