

**COMMISSIONER'S MOTION ACTION AGENDA ITEM COMMENTARY**

<b><u>SUBMITTED BY</u></b>	<b><u>Human Resources</u></b> Department	<u>DV</u> Signature
<b><u>AGENDA DATE</u></b>	<u>03/15/2022</u>	
<b><u>SUBJECT</u></b>	<u>Rescind previous policies enacted during the COVID 19 Pandemic and align current policy with Governor of Washington State, CDC and WDLNI guidelines</u>	
<b><u>ACTION REQUESTED</u></b>	<u>Approval of request</u>	

**SUMMARY/BACKGROUND**

On Monday March 7, 2022, Governor Jay Inslee updated Washington's statewide indoor mask policy following updated guidance from the Centers for Disease Control.

With the declining case rates and hospitalizations across the west, California, Oregon, and Washington moved together to update their masking guidance. After 11:59 PM on March 11, California, Oregon, and Washington lifted universal masking requirements for most public locations including schools.

State Indoor Mask Requirements Starting March 12, 2022. Local governments are still able to enact local mask requirements. Many individuals will choose to continue to wear masks. Please be kind and compassionate.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approve rescinding the following items and directions

Rescind the following items:

- 031820 Temporary County Leave Policy due to COVID 19 Emergency
- 112420 Adopt COVID 19 Travel Out of Area —
- 070120 Motion by BOC minor modifications to correct Scriveners errors
  - “ COVID 19 Reopening plans/return to work guidelines
  - “General Guidelines for employees
  - Skamania County employee self pre-screening form
- 102621 Policy Guidelines for COVID 19
- ~~102721~~ Temporary Travel Guidelines during Pandemic — *Strike*
- Phase 3 Work Guidelines Policy \_ COVID-19 Pandemic
- 052621 No Tracking Policy on Guidelines
- 052621 Policy on Guidelines for COVID
- 010621 Policy on use of leaves for FFCRA

Adopt new regulations to follow until such time as the Governor and or CDC and Washington State Labor and Industries have made changes as outlined below.

Masks Still Required

- Healthcare and medical facilities, including hospitals, outpatient, dental facilities, and pharmacies.
- Long term care settings.
- Public Transit, taxis, and rideshare vehicles (federal requirement)
- Correctional facilities
- Private businesses and local governments that want to require masks for their employees, customers, or residents.

Masks Not Required

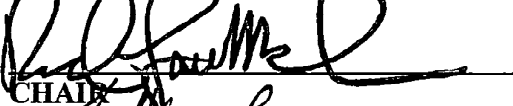
- Schools, childcare facilities, and libraries
- Restaurants and bars
- Houses of worship
- Gyms, recreation centers and indoor athletic facilities.
- Grocery stores, businesses, and retail establishments.

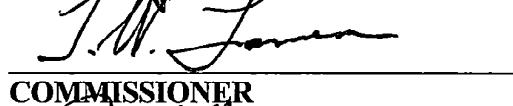
**Private businesses can still require masks if they choose. Please respect the rules of the room.**

The Skamania County Board of Commissioners passes by approval of this motion action the above listed items to rescind previous COVID related policies and adopt new policy going forward effective March 12, 2022, to follow until such time as the Governor of State of Washington, CDC or WSLNI issues new directives. Upon Board approval, these directives may be reviewed and extended or lessened based on current conditions required by state, federal or local authorities. Beginning March 11, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. employees and public are no longer required to wear masks in County Buildings except as listed above under "Still Required". Skamania County will comply with any lingering requirements from Washington State Labor and Industries, CDC and Washington State Governor's Proclamations.

*Strike 102721 - Temp Travel Guidelines*

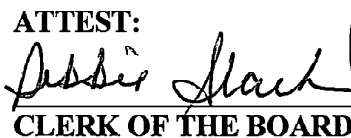
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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

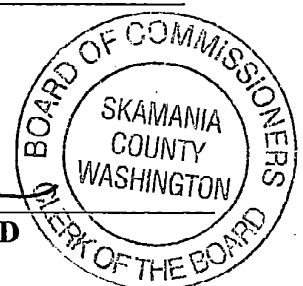
  
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3/22/22  
DATE

ATTEST:  
  
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CLERK OF THE BOARD



**RESOLUTION 2022-12**

**(Rescinding Resolution 2022-3  
Declaring Local Emergencies Due To Winter Storm Activity)**

**WHEREAS, WHEREAS**, the Skamania County Director of Emergency Management reported to the Board of County Commissioners that beginning January 3, 2022, Severe Winter Storm Conditions were having significant impacts throughout Skamania County; and

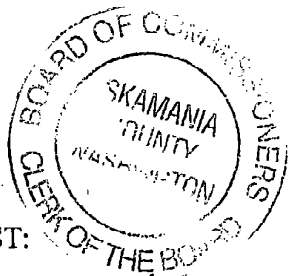
**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of Skamania County declared a local emergency on January 3, 2022 due to significant winter storm conditions which could cause closure of roads, possible evacuation, and damage to roads, bridges, homes, businesses and utilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has now completed its emergency response to that event;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Skamania County that the local emergencies related to the winter storm issues of January 2022 no longer exist, and Resolution 2022-3 is hereby rescinded.

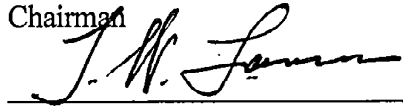
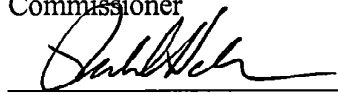
**APPROVED** this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 2022.

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SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

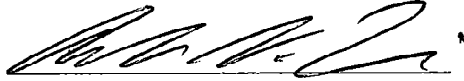


ATTEST:

  
Clerk of the Board

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Chairman  
  
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Commissioner  
  
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Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:

  
Prosecuting Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-03  
RESOLUTION DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY  
DUE TO WINTER STORM

WHEREAS, the Skamania County Director of Emergency Management has reported to the Board of County Commissioners that beginning January 3, 2022, Severe Winter Storm Conditions are having significant impacts throughout Skamania County; and

WHEREAS, expected accumulations of snow and ice have many roads impassable including State Hwy 14 and I84, which are closed to all traffic; and

WHEREAS, under the above referenced conditions there is substantial likelihood of risk to persons, property and the environment unless further efforts are taken to reduce the threat; and

WHEREAS, the conditions stated above constitute an emergency/disaster for all areas of the County, necessitating activation of the Skamania County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and the utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to RCW 36.40.180, 38.52.070(2), and 38.52.110(1);

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Skamania County, Washington, do resolve as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby declared an emergency, as defined in the Skamania County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP), due to the ongoing threat of Extreme Winter Storm impacts on Skamania County.

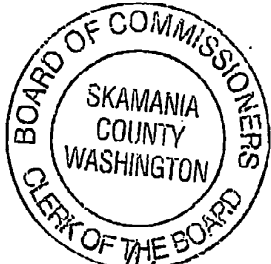
Section 2. Pursuant to the emergency declared in Section 1, County departments and offices, as designated pursuant to the CEMP, are authorized to enter into contract and incur obligations necessary to combat such emergency with approval of the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners to protect the health and safety of persons, property, and the environment, and provide emergency assistance to the victims of such emergency, consistent with the CEMP.

Section 4. The declaration of a local emergency set forth in Section 1 shall terminate by the issuance of a subsequent rescinding Resolution which shall follow when the Board determines that the extraordinary measures contained herein are no longer required for the protection of the public peace, safety, and welfare.

**APPROVED this 3<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.**

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of Jan 2022.

ATTEST:



Debbie Slack  
Debbie Slack, Clerk of the Board

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Richard Mahar  
Richard Mahar, Chairman

Thomas R. Lannen  
T.W. Lannen, Commissioner

Robert Hamlin  
Robert Hamlin, Commissioner

Approved as to form only:

Adam Kick  
Adam Kick,  
Skamania County Prosecuting Attorney

Aye 3  
Nay 0  
Abstain 0  
Absent 0

Approved in emergency meeting 1/3/22  
Ratified in regular meeting 1/6/22

## Debbie Slack

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**From:** Bob Hamlin  
**Sent:** Monday, January 03, 2022 12:07 PM  
**To:** Richard Mahar  
**Cc:** Tom Lannen; John A. Carlson; Sheriff Dave Brown; Debbie Slack  
**Subject:** Re: 1-22 Emergency Declaration

I'll make it unanimous and also approve the emergency declaration.  
Bob Hamlin.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 3, 2022, at 11:55 AM, Richard Mahar <mahar@co.skamania.wa.us> wrote:

I approve the Winter Storm Emergency Declaration of 1/3/22.

Richard Mahar  
Commissioner District 1  
Skamania County, WA  
509-427-3701

*"Grateful to the Supreme Ruler of the universe for our liberties"*

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**From:** Tom Lannen <lannen@co.skamania.wa.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 3, 2022 11:53 AM  
**To:** John A. Carlson <johnc@co.skamania.wa.us>; Bob Hamlin <Hamlin@co.skamania.wa.us>; Richard Mahar <mahar@co.skamania.wa.us>; Tom Lannen <lannen@co.skamania.wa.us>; Sheriff Dave Brown <daveb@co.skamania.wa.us>; Debbie Slack <slack@co.skamania.wa.us>  
**Subject:** FW: 1-22 Emergency Declaration

I approve the Winter Storm Emergency Declaration as attached.  
T.W. Lannen  
Skamania County Commissioner

T.W. Lannen (Tom)  
Skamania County Commissioner  
District 2  
Office = 509-427-3702  
Cell = 360-216-5883

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**From:** John A. Carlson <johnc@co.skamania.wa.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 3, 2022 11:44 AM