## **PORT OF COUPEVILLE**

## ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON RESOLUTION NO. 273

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Commissioners of the Port of Coupeville, Island County, Washington, AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY POWERS AND DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IN RESPONSE TO THE OUTBREAK OF COVID-19.

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death to vulnerable or at-risk populations, is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans and can easily spread from person to person; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") identifies the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 both globally and in the United States as "high", and has advised that person-to-person spread of COVID-19 will continue to occur globally, including within the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, On January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public health emergency for COVID-19, beginning on January 27, 2020; and

**WHEREAS,** on February 29, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee proclaimed a state of emergency within the State of Washington due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2020, the Island County Board of County Commissioners proclaimed a state of emergency within Island County due to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 12, 2018, the Port of Coupeville adopted Resolution #254 providing delegation of authority to the Executive Director or his or her designee for matters related to Executive Policies; and

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2018, the Port of Coupeville adopted Resolution #254 providing delegation of authority to the Executive Director and his/her designees for matters related to Port Contracts and Acquisitions Policies; and

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

A. Pursuant to Chapter 38.52 RCW, Chapter 53.19 RCW, and Title 53 RCW, the public advertising and competitive procurement requirements of state law and Port policies and procedures are waived related to Port contracts for the following purchases or leases: (1) tangible

personal property; (2) public works as defined by RCW 39.04.010; and (3) services, including professional or technical services.

- B. The Port Executive Director is authorized to make and adjust Human Resources Policies related to leave usage and other issues related to Port employees as necessitated by the impacts of COVID-19.
- C. The Port Executive Director may make temporary (up to one year or the duration of the emergency) appointments of personnel to positions that directly respond to the emergency, when the urgency of filling positions prohibits examining applicants through the competitive process, and is immediately necessary for the protection of life and property.
- D. Pursuant to RCW 42.30.070, and the state of emergency, all meetings of the Port Commission are exempt from the meeting notice requirements and meeting location restrictions of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 42.30 RCW.
- E. The Port Commission further reserves its rights to issue such further orders as may be necessary to respond to the state of emergency declared by Island County, the State of Washington, or the United States in response to COVID-19.
- F. This Resolution shall take effect immediately and be in full force and effect for the same time period, and without action required to renew, as the state of emergency adopted by the Island County Commissioners.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of the Port of Coupeville at the special public meeting thereof held this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020 and duly authenticated in open session by the signatures of the Commissioners being present and voting.

**Mohammad Mostafavinassab** 

**David Day** 

John Mishasek

Attest: This 27th day of March 2020

**Chris Michalopoulos, Executive Director**