

Ordinance H-04-2020

Title: An emergency ordinance suspending, waiving, and amending certain provisions of Articles I, II, IV, and VII of the Sanitary Code for Thurston County, extending the expiration or providing for automatic renewal of certain permits and approvals, and modifying hearing procedures as a result of the emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

HIGHLIGHTS

(corrected May 4, 2020)

SECTION 1: Suspends 45-day time limit for Board of Health emergency declarations adopted before September 30, 2020

SECTION 2: Allows the Thurston County health officer or hearing officer to extend deadlines and expiration dates as appropriate to circumstances that arise due to the COVID-19 emergency.

SECTION 3. Suspends the need for participants to attend hearings in person and allows the hearing to be conducted electronically, by phone, or other manner that provides for participation with appropriate social distancing and sanitation measures.

SECTION 4. Automatically extends food establishment permits that expire between March 12, 2020 and July 31, 2020 to September 30, 2020 without any additional fee.

SECTION 5.

- Automatically extends by one year the expiration date for septic system applications that expire between March 12, 2020 and September 30, 2020
- Automatically extends to September 30, 2020 the expiration date for a septic system application that received a one-year extension that expires between March 12, 2020 and September 30, 2020

SECTION 6. Automatically extends the expiration date to September 30, 2020 for any septic system installation permit that expires between March 12, 2020 and September 30, 2020.

SECTION 7. Automatically extends the expiration date by one year for septic system repair applications that expire between March 12 and September 30, 2020.

SECTION 8. Automatically extends the renewal date for septic system operational certificates to September 20, 2020, or longer, for those that expire between March 12, 2020 and September 30, 2020. Requires the Health Officer to send renewal notices with the adjusted date.

SECTION 9. Allows septic system inspection and pumping reports for work done after March 1, 2019 to remain valid until September 30, 2020 for time of transfer reports. Current code requires inspection reports within one year.

SECTION 10. Waives the late fees for swimming pool permits not renewed by April 1 for the year 2020.

SECTION 11: Declares that if for any reason and section of the Ordinance is declared invalid, illegal or unconstitutional, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected.

SECTION 12. States ordinance takes effect immediately upon adoption and expires December 31, 2020.