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PIERCE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
EMERGENCY RULE 2020-1

WHEREAS, both the Governor of the State of Washington and the Pierce County Executive have declared a State of Emergency in response to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the delivery of food to retail outlets is of the utmost importance to the protection of life and the wellbeing of the residents of Pierce County; and

WHEREAS, the Pierce County Code and regulations relating to permissible noise levels may restrict the delivery of food to retail outlets during certain hours of the day, inhibiting the replenishment of the inventory of food for sale at retail outlets which is needed due to increased demand precipitated by the current emergency; and

WHEREAS, temporarily suspending enforcement of Pierce County’s noise restrictions will help maintain necessary provisions in local grocery stores until such time that normal supply and demand is restored; and


WHEREAS, Pierce County Code 2.118.040 provides for the issuance of rules and regulations on matters related to the protection of life and property affected by the pandemic;

NOW, THEREFORE, as Director of the Pierce County Department of Emergency Management, I hereby adopt and promulgate the following Emergency Rule:

EMERGENCY RULE 2020-1

- A. The enforcement of Pierce County Code Section 8.76 (Noise Pollution Control) and any other provision of the Code or Regulations of Pierce County restricting noise associated with delivery of food to retail outlets are hereby suspended.
- B. Pierce County shall not issue any fine or other sanction for noise-related violations associated with delivery of food to retail outlets between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.
- C. If not otherwise repealed, revoked or modified, this Rule shall expire and be repealed without further action upon the expiration of the current State of Emergency declared by the Pierce County Executive.

Dated this 16th day of March 2020



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CONFIRMED:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce F. Dammeier", written over a horizontal line.

Bruce F. Dammeier
Pierce County Executive