

RESOLUTION R-5700

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND
PROCLAIMING AN EMERGENCY RELATED TO ACUTE AND WORSENING
FOOD INSECURITY.

1 WHEREAS, the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) provides food
2 assistance to more than 40 million Americans, two-thirds of whom are children, older adults,
3 and individuals with disabilities; and
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5 WHEREAS, approximately 930,000 Washington residents receive SNAP benefits, with
6 approximately \$37 million of federal funds going to households across Washington every week
7 to provide food benefits; and
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9 WHEREAS, because of the ongoing shutdown of the federal government, the United
10 States Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced that SNAP funding will cease as of
11 November 1, 2025, resulting in millions of Americans being unable to purchase food for
12 themselves and their families; and
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14 WHEREAS, the furlough of thousands of federal workers has created an increased
15 demand for free and reduced food programs; and
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17 WHEREAS, the federal administration has cut or proposed to cut other funding for
18 programs that serve vulnerable individuals, further eroding the social safety net; and
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20 WHEREAS, the cuts to SNAP exacerbate existing food insecurity and inaccessibility
21 within Kirkland and the surrounding communities, which already disproportionately impacts
22 low-income and BIPOC communities; and
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24 WHEREAS, without immediate emergency actions, the loss of SNAP funding could
25 result in significant harm to community members and cause individuals and families to go
26 hungry, in addition to suffering additional health and financial impacts, losses, and hardships;
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29 WHEREAS, estimates indicate that in Kirkland approximately 7,500 individuals, totaling
30 3,000 households, receiving SNAP benefits could be impacted in these ways; and
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32 WHEREAS, local non-profit human services providers do not have adequate funding
33 or food supply to meet the needs of SNAP recipients and furloughed federal workers; and
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35 WHEREAS, whether the federal government will act to solve this impending crisis is
36 presently unknown, creating uncertainty and exacerbating barriers faced by vulnerable
37 members of the Kirkland community and, because of this, the City must take decisive action;
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40 WHEREAS, chapter 38.52 RCW and chapter 3.20 of the Kirkland Municipal Code
41 provide authority for the City to take necessary actions in the event of an emergency or
42 disaster; and
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44 WHEREAS, the facts and circumstances set forth above constitute an emergency as
45 defined by chapter 3.20 KMC and the City's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan

46 and necessitates the utilization of emergency powers granted by applicable state and local
47 law; and
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49 WHEREAS, the City Council now wishes to proclaim an emergency and to direct the
50 City Manager to issue a Proclamation of Emergency and authorize the acts of City departments
51 and staff to be taken in connection with such emergency.
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53 NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Kirkland as
54 follows:
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56 Section 1. The City Council hereby proclaims that an emergency exists in Kirkland
57 related to acute and worsening food insecurity and directs the City Manager to issue a
58 Proclamation of Emergency related to the same in substantially the same form as that included
59 as Exhibit A.
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61 Section 2. Any and all acts undertaken by City departments and staff consistent with
62 the Proclamation of Emergency referenced in Section 1 and following the effective date hereof
63 are hereby authorized until such time as such proclamation has been amended, rescinded, or
64 otherwise terminated by the City Manager or City Council.
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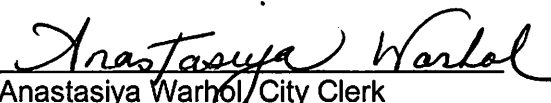
66 Section 3. The Proclamation of Emergency will terminate on December 31, 2025, or
67 until such time that the federal government restores full funding to SNAP, whichever is earlier.
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69 Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 5th day of
70 November, 2025.
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72 Signed in authentication thereof this 5th day of November, 2025.


Kelli Curtis, Mayor

Attest:


Anastasiya Warhol, City Clerk

**PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY
RELATED TO ACUTE AND WORSENING FOOD INSECURITY**

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WHEREAS, approximately 930,000 Washington residents receive SNAP benefits, with approximately \$37 million of federal funds going to households across Washington every week to provide food benefits; and

WHEREAS, because of the ongoing shutdown of the federal government, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced that SNAP funding will cease as of November 1, 2025, resulting in millions of Americans being unable to purchase food for themselves and their families; and

WHEREAS, the furlough of thousands of federal workers has created an increased demand for free and reduced food programs; and

WHEREAS, the federal administration has cut or proposed to cut other funding for programs that serve vulnerable individuals, further eroding the social safety net; and

WHEREAS, the cuts to SNAP exacerbate existing food insecurity and inaccessibility within Kirkland and the surrounding communities, which already disproportionately impacts low-income and BIPOC communities; and

WHEREAS, without immediate emergency actions, the loss of SNAP funding could result in significant harm to community members and cause individuals and families to go hungry, in addition to suffering additional health and financial impacts, losses, and hardships; and

WHEREAS, estimates indicate that in Kirkland approximately 7,500 individuals, totaling 3,000 households, receiving SNAP benefits could be impacted in these ways; and

WHEREAS, local non-profit human services providers do not have adequate funding or food supply to meet the needs of SNAP recipients and furloughed federal workers; and

WHEREAS, whether the federal government will act to solve this impending crisis is presently unknown, creating uncertainty and exacerbating barriers faced by vulnerable members of the Kirkland community and, because of this, the City must take decisive action; and

WHEREAS, chapter 38.52 RCW and chapter 3.20 of the Kirkland Municipal Code provide authority for the City to take necessary actions in the event of an emergency or disaster; and

WHEREAS, the facts and circumstances set forth above constitute an emergency as defined by chapter 3.20 KMC and the City's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and necessitates the utilization of emergency powers granted by applicable state and local law; and

WHEREAS, KMC 3.20.070 provides that the City shall have the broadest authority and greatest discretion consistent with state law with respect to emergency response and operation; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, by Resolution R-5700, has proclaimed an emergency to timely respond to such emergency by establishing a rapid response fund should there be a need to provide direct financial support to established human services partner agencies and/or others for the purpose of supporting access to and delivery of nutritional services to Kirkland community members, and the City Council directed the City Manager to issue a Proclamation of Emergency to formally document the proclamation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it proclaimed by the City Manager, on behalf of the Kirkland City Council, that an emergency exists in Kirkland and City departments and relevant staff are hereby authorized and directed to respond to such emergency as follows:

Section 1: Undertake measures in response thereto and without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities generally applicable under state or local law, subject only to any mandatory constitutional requirements, in connection with one or more of the following:

- (1) Budget law limitations;
- (2) Requirements of competitive bidding and publication of notices;
- (3) Provisions pertaining to the performance of public works;
- (4) Entering into contracts;
- (5) Incurring obligations;
- (6) Employment of temporary workers;
- (7) Rental of equipment;
- (8) Purchase of supplies and materials;
- (9) Reduction or waiver of fees and charges, such as those related to permits and other City approvals related to an emergency or disaster; and
- (10) Appropriation and expenditure of funds; and
- (11) Temporarily relocating staff work locations as appropriate for continuity of City service and work

Section 2: Enter into agreements and incur obligations necessary to recall City employees from vacation, cancel days off, authorize overtime, or recall selected retired employees in order to help protect the health and safety of persons and property.

Section 3: In implementing the provisions of this proclamation, City departments and staff are not subject to generally applicable departmental and individual expenditure limits; provided, however, that the City Manager or designee may impose such expenditure limits, together with any other terms and conditions, as may be considered necessary.

Section 4: This proclamation was authorized and directed by the City Council on November 5, 2025, through Resolution R-5700, and does not need further ratification from City Council as soon as practicable. The City Council may meet during the pendency of such emergency.

Dated this 6th day of November, 2025.


Kurt Triplett, City Manager