

1 Sponsored by: Councilmembers Dave Morell, Marty Campbell, Jim McCune, Connie Ladenburg,
2 Douglas G. Richardson, and Pam Roach
3 Requested by: Executive/Economic Development Department
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7 **ORDINANCE NO. 2020-42**

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10 **An Emergency Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Providing Funding** 11 **for Small Businesses Impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic;** 12 **Amending Ordinance No. 2019-86s, the Biennial Budget of** 13 **Pierce County for Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021; and Declaring** 14 **an Emergency.** 15

16 **Whereas**, COVID-19 is a contagious and potentially deadly virus that has been
17 declared a pandemic event by the World Health Organization; and
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19 **Whereas**, President Trump, Governor Inslee, and Executive Dammeier have
20 each declared states of emergency within their respective jurisdictions; and
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22 **Whereas**, actions taken to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 has resulted in
23 widespread social and economic disruption throughout Pierce County; and
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25 **Whereas**, a functioning local economy is critical to protect the health and
26 wellbeing of Pierce County residents; and
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28 **Whereas**, small businesses in Pierce County have been impacted by COVID-19
29 to such an extent that an unprecedented number may not be able to continue providing
30 goods and services to the community, or provide jobs to the individuals who rely on
31 them for their livelihood; and
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33 **Whereas**, the failure of small businesses due to the pandemic will create serious
34 hardship on individuals employed by those businesses and create additional financial
35 burdens on governments in Pierce County by increasing demand for government
36 support to individuals who become unemployed or underemployed; and
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38 **Whereas**, small businesses in Pierce County generate tax revenue that Pierce
39 County governments rely on to finance the provision of essential government services
40 and promote the public welfare; **Now Therefore**,

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42 **BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of Pierce County:**
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1 Section 3. This Emergency Ordinance is necessary for the immediate
2 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the County government
3 and its existing institutions because small businesses in Pierce County are at risk of
4 imminent failure, which threatens the public's ability to meet its basic health and safety
5 needs and threatens tax revenue streams that County government relies upon to
6 provide essential government services.

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10 PASSED this 24th day of March, 2020.

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12 ATTEST:

PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL
Pierce County, Washington

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15 *Denise D. Johnson*
16 **Denise D. Johnson**
17 Clerk of the Council

Douglas G. Richardson
18 **Douglas G. Richardson**
19 Council Chair

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21 *Bruce F. Dammeier*
22 **Bruce F. Dammeier**
23 Pierce County Executive
24 Approved Vetoed _____, this
25 24th day of March,
26 2020.
27 Time: 1714

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30 Date of Publication of
31 Notice of Public Hearing: Not Applicable - Emergency
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33 Effective Date of Ordinance: March 24, 2020 at 5:14 pm

