STATE OF WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR BOB FERGUSON

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR
AMENDING PROCLAMATION 26-03

26-03.1

Wildfires – Immediate Relief and Response

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2026, I issued Emergency Proclamation 26-03: Wildfires – Burn Ban, proclaiming that due to prolonged periods of below-normal precipitation, above-normal temperatures, and persistent widespread drought conditions, a state of emergency exists throughout the state of Washington characterized by critically dry conditions with highly flammable wildfire fuels that constitutes a public health disaster affecting life, property, and/or the public peace; and

WHEREAS, Proclamation 26-03 recognized that preventing human-caused fires is and continues to be the most immediate and effective action available to reduce wildfire risk while extreme fire conditions persist, and therefore, among other things, ordered a state-wide burn ban; and

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2026, an extreme weather event characterized by high temperatures and strong winds resulted in severe wildfires breaking out in several areas of the state of Washington, including but not limited to Chelan, Douglas, Ferry, Okanogan, Spokane, Stevens, and Yakima Counties and on and near reservation lands of the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, and Spokane Tribe of Indians; and

WHEREAS, the fires that began on August 1, 2026, continue to burn, and due to continuing extreme weather conditions, several more fires have started; and

WHEREAS, as of August 9, 2026, wildfires across the state of Washington have burned more than 871 homes and other structures and nearly 700,000 acres; and

WHEREAS, the wildfires continue to cause significant damage to homes, businesses, public facilities, natural resources, agricultural lands, infrastructure, and utilities; and

WHEREAS, the cumulative effects of the wildfires are causing significant and dangerous public health risks and impacts to life and safety of the people, constituting a public disaster that affects life, health, property, and the public peace; and

WHEREAS, state agencies and local jurisdictions are coordinating resources to assist people harmed or affected by the wildfires, assess and address property and infrastructure damaged by the wildfires, and implement repairs; and

WHEREAS, Washington state, tribal, federal, and local fire suppression resources are actively engaged in responding to the multiple significant wildfires, and additional large fire starts or expansion of existing fires have exceeded available firefighting capacity, requiring the prioritization of limited personnel, equipment, and aviation assets; and

WHEREAS, because available firefighting resources are not adequate to address the outbreak of simultaneous large wildfires that is ongoing due to the above-noted conditions, the Washington National Guard and Washington State Guard continue to be needed to assist local jurisdictions and state agencies throughout the state of Washington with this public disaster and to protect public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Military Department continues to monitor and coordinate supporting actions through the State Emergency Operations Center, implement emergency response procedures, and coordinate resources to support Tribal and local officials in alleviating the immediate impacts to people, property, and infrastructure, and continues to assess the ongoing wildfires and the danger of new wildfires or expansion of existing wildfires resulting from ongoing high-risk weather and fire fuel conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR), recognizing that an unusual fire danger continues to exist, has issued restrictions on outdoor burning (with certain limited exceptions), the use of charcoal briquettes, and prescribed burns on forest lands within the state of Washington under DNR jurisdiction, until further notice; and

WHEREAS, road closures and other impacts from the fires have increased transportation distances and times for delivery of essential firefighting supplies and equipment, food, and agricultural products and supplies by motor carriers and drivers of commercial motor vehicles to and from production, processing, and distribution facilities, and have increased distances and times for the provision of services necessary to respond to the ongoing emergency; and

WHEREAS, the wildfires have impacted the supply of fuel for firefighting activities in the Pacific Northwest, requiring fuel to be resupplied over greater distances and from throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, adequate fuel supplies are essential to effective firefighting efforts and can become quickly depleted without consistent and reliable deliveries, which are critical in supporting state and local efforts to save lives and protect public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, commercial drivers cannot complete deliveries or provide services within the time limits prescribed by commercial motor vehicle driver hours of service rules, and available trucks cannot be dispatched because commercial drivers have exhausted current hour limitations, impeding the timely delivery of fuel supplies essential to statewide firefighting efforts, agricultural products and supplies supporting food systems, and supplies and equipment essential to statewide firefighting and disaster response efforts; and

WHEREAS, individuals and families in Washington state are suffering significant hardship from the wildfires and other impacts of this event and require rapid financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, although regulations limit eligibility for the state's Individual Assistance program to those with household incomes equal to or less than 80 percent of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development area median income level, individuals and families at a variety of income levels require assistance in a sufficient amount to address immediate needs; and

WHEREAS, individuals and families without children normally are not eligible to receive benefits under the Family Emergency Assistance Program (FEAP), but RCW 74.04.660(6) gives the Governor authority, "during a state of emergency and pursuant to an order from the governor under this subsection," to extend FEAP benefits to individuals and families without children; and

WHEREAS, RCW 74.04.660(6) also allows FEAP benefits for individuals and families to be issued for more than one period of time within any consecutive 12-month period, which is authority separate from, and in addition to, the Governor's emergency authority established in RCW 43.06.220; and

WHEREAS, the wildfires have impacted employees and employers in affected areas; individuals who have lost employment due to the wildfires are in need of immediate unemployment compensation financial assistance and temporary relief from job-search requirements to access this financial assistance, while employers who have had to lay off or who have otherwise lost employees due to the direct impacts of the wildfires need relief from interest charges that are based, in part, on employment history; and

WHEREAS, procurement by state, local, and tribal entities of goods and services necessary to fight the ongoing wildfires, assist those affected by the wildfires, and begin response and rebuilding efforts is supported by the Department of Enterprise Services (DES), which has existing emergency procurement provisions; the state Emergency Management Division can assist with coordination with DES regarding the procurement of needed goods and services; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing wildfires have affected the ability of adult family homes and assisted living facilities to provide services to residents and other clients, and the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) has enacted temporary regulatory and licensing directives to provide needed flexibility to support emergency evacuations, resident relocations, and continuity of operations for such facilities; and

WHEREAS, DSHS requires temporary regulatory flexibility to address assessments, service plan updates, emergency admissions and placements, licensing and capacity requirements, and other statutory or regulatory timelines affected by evacuations and disaster response for individuals receiving long-term services and supports and developmental disability services in adult family homes and assisted living facilities; and

WHEREAS, the wildfires have destroyed hundreds of homes, forced tens of thousands of residents to evacuate, and produced smoke conditions hazardous to human health across the region; and

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2026, the federal government granted Washington's request for an emergency declaration covering Chelan, Ferry, Okanogan, Spokane, Stevens, and Yakima Counties and lands of the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, and Spokane Tribe of Indians, unlocking federal assistance to state, local, and tribal governments for the costs of evacuation and emergency sheltering of displaced residents; and

WHEREAS, residents subject to evacuation orders may be unable to appear in court, to receive notice of court proceedings, to secure alternative housing, or to safely relocate their households and belongings; and

WHEREAS, emergency shelters and temporary housing resources in the affected areas are operating at or near capacity, and law enforcement personnel in these counties are committed to urgent fire response, evacuation, and public safety operations; and

WHEREAS, the removal of residents from their homes under eviction orders, including writs of restitution, amid the current emergency conditions would increase the

number of displaced households, compound demand on emergency shelter capacity, increase housing instability and homelessness, and create serious risks to life, health, and safety; and

WHEREAS, temporary and geographically limited restrictions on evictions will help preserve and maintain life, health, property, and the public peace during the emergency response; and

WHEREAS, persons and their household pets who have been evacuated and/or displaced from the aforementioned impacted geographic regions have necessarily taken temporary residence with family, friends and others across the state; and

WHEREAS, extensive wildfire activity is harming the health of people and communities, and the situation requires regulatory flexibility for health care providers and facilities to ensure continuity of care for patients in affected areas; and

WHEREAS, state agencies are working with federal, local, and tribal partners to protect public health; the Washington State Department of Health is providing local and tribal agencies with equipment and guidance for hazardous smoke conditions and wildfire-related cleanup; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing wildfires have increased demand for medical and pharmacy services, while at the same time reducing the available workforce providing those services, limiting service locations in and near fire-affected areas, and interfering with public and private transportation necessary to access those services; and

WHEREAS, individuals whose homes have been destroyed or damaged or who have evacuated their homes due to the ongoing wildfires either no longer have, or no longer have access to, personal records such as birth certificates, driver licenses, identification cards, and vehicle and vessel titles, which are needed to establish identity, drive on public roads, access government services, manage finances, and prove vehicle and vessel ownership; and

WHEREAS, people impacted by wildfires may be delayed in renewing driver licenses, business licenses, and professional licenses through no fault of their own; and

WHEREAS, the expiration dates of driver licenses, identification cards, business licenses, and professional licenses, as well as the fees to replace or renew those essential documents, are set by state law, and the Department of Licensing requires regulatory flexibility to adjust such deadlines and renewal requirements for affected individuals and businesses; and

WHEREAS, rebuilding homes and other structures destroyed or damaged by the wildfires will be a high priority after immediate emergency response needs are met, and input on facilitating prompt and responsible rebuilding will be needed from state agencies with relevant expertise and authority;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Ferguson, Governor of the state of Washington, as a result of the above-noted situation and under Chapters 38.52 and 43.06 RCW, do hereby proclaim that a State of Emergency continues to exist throughout the entire state of Washington, and direct that the plans and procedures in the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan continue to be implemented. State agencies and departments are directed to utilize state resources in accordance with the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and to do everything reasonably possible to assist affected political subdivisions to respond to and recover from the dangerous wildfire conditions.

The declaration of emergency in Proclamation 26-03 remains in effect and, under RCW 43.06.220 and as otherwise noted, I hereby amend Proclamation 26-03 as provided herein. Except as amended by this Proclamation 26-03.1, all provisions of Proclamation 26-03 remain in full force and effect.

COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE HOURS OF SERVICE

Under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(1)(h), to preserve and maintain life, health, property, or the public peace, I find, based on the above situation, that motor carriers and drivers of commercial motor vehicles providing services and transporting supplies and equipment and delivering fuel products in direct support of firefighting and disaster response operations are providing emergency relief during an emergency under 49 CFR § 390.23.

Pursuant to 49 CFR § 390.23(b) Parts 395.3 and 395.5 they are therefore exempt, for fourteen (14) days from the date of this Proclamation, from the application of the driver hours-of-service rules in 49 CFR § 395, as adopted into Washington law by RCW 46.32.085 and WAC 446-65-010.

Nothing contained in this Proclamation shall be construed as an exemption from federal controlled substances and alcohol use and testing requirements (49 CFR Part 382), commercial driver license requirements (49 CFR Part 383), financial responsibility (insurance) requirements (49 CFR Part 387), operating authority (49 CFR Part 365), or any other portion of the regulations not specifically identified.

I also hereby prohibit motor carriers and drivers of commercial motor vehicles identified above from applying the waiver and suspension of driver hours of service rules as follows:

1. Motor carriers are prohibited from operating under the terms of this exemption if either of the following conditions exist:
    a. They have an out-of-service order in effect; or
    b. They do not possess a current safety rating of "Satisfactory" or better assigned by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration or the State in which the motor carrier has its principal place of business.

2. Motor carriers that I have not otherwise prohibited from operating under the terms of this exemption are prohibited from:
    a. Requiring or permitting a fatigued or ill driver to operate a commercial motor vehicle; and
    b. Requiring or permitting a driver to operate a commercial motor vehicle after the driver has informed the carrier (verbally or in writing) that the driver needs immediate rest, unless the driver has first received at least 10 consecutive hours off-duty documented in writing by the motor carrier; and
    c. Requiring or permitting a driver to operate a commercial motor vehicle after the driver has been on duty for more than 96 hours in any 8 consecutive days, unless the driver has first received at least 34 consecutive hours off-duty documented in writing by the motor carrier.

I ask motor carriers subject to this Proclamation to use their best judgment in operating under this exemption and waiver in a manner that ensures public health and safety.

INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Based on the above-noted situation and under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(2)(g), I find that strict compliance with the following statutory and regulatory obligations or limitations will prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action for coping with the State of Emergency in the provision of financial assistance to affected individuals and accordingly proclaim that, for the Individual Assistance program only, the language of the regulatory provisions specified below is hereby immediately waived and suspended as indicated below until 30 days after the date of this Proclamation in Chelan, Douglas, Ferry, Okanogan, Spokane, Stevens, and Yakima Counties and lands of the

Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, and Spokane Tribe of Indians:

WAC 118-11-100(2)(b) (entire subsection).

WAC 118-11-100(2)(e)-(f) (entire subsections).

FAMILY EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Pursuant to RCW 43.06.220(2)(c) and RCW 74.04.660(6), I hereby direct, order, and authorize the Secretary of DSHS to expand eligibility for the Family Emergency Assistance Program (FEAP) to include individuals and families without children in Chelan, Douglas, Ferry, Okanogan, Spokane, Stevens, and Yakima Counties and the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, and Spokane Tribe of Indians affected by this wildfire emergency. Pursuant to RCW 43.06.220(2)(c), I further order that the limitation of benefits provided under the Family Emergency Assistance Program to one period of time within any consecutive 12-month period under RCW 74.04.660(1) is waived and suspended in its entirety. I order the Secretary to extend FEAP benefits to individuals and families who apply for and are eligible to receive benefits each month. This authorization and order for expansion is effective from August 5, 2026, until 30 days following the date of this Proclamation.

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS AND INTEREST ON PREMIUMS

Based on the above-noted situation and under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(2)(g), I find that strict compliance with the following statutory and regulatory obligations or limitations will prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action for coping with the State of Emergency in the provision of unemployment compensation for impacted employees and collection of interest premiums from employers, and accordingly proclaim that, for claims filed on or after August 1, 2026, that are related to employment directly affected by the wildfires, the language of each statutory or regulatory provision specified below is hereby immediately waived and suspended as indicated below until October 3, 2026:

<u>Waiver of Waiting Week</u>

RCW 50.20.010(1)(d) – the following language only:
"He or she has been unemployed for a waiting period of one week."

RCW 50.20.020(1) (entire subsection)

RCW 50.20.140 – the following language only:
"The term 'claim for waiting period' shall mean a certification, after the close of a given week, that the requirements stated herein for eligibility for waiting period have been met."

WAC 192-110-005(4) (entire subsection).

Waiving Job-Search Requirements

RCW 50.20.010(1)(c)(i) – the following language only:
"and must be actively seeking work pursuant to customary trade practices and through other methods when so directed by the commissioner or the commissioner's agents"

RCW 50.20.240 (in its entirety).

WAC 192-180-010(3) (in its entirety).

WAC 192-180-015 (in its entirety).

Waiving Interest on Employer Premiums

RCW 50.24.040 (in its entirety).

HOUSING

Prohibiting Execution of Eviction Orders

Based on the above noted situation and under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(1)(h), and to preserve and maintain life, health, property or the public peace, effective immediately and until 11:59 p.m. on Monday, August 24, 2026, I hereby prohibit the following activities related to residential dwellings in Washington State:

Local law enforcement are prohibited from serving, threatening to serve, or otherwise acting on eviction orders, including writs of restitution, issued by a Washington court, affecting any dwelling or parcel of land occupied as a dwelling in Chelan, Douglas, Ferry, Okanogan, Spokane, Stevens, and Yakima Counties, and the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, and Spokane Tribe of Indians land experiencing wildfires under this emergency, unless the eviction order clearly states that it was issued based on a court's finding that (a) the individual(s) named in the eviction order is creating a significant and immediate risk to the health, safety or property of others; or (b) at least 90 days' written notice were provided of (i) the property owner's or his or her immediate family's intent to occupy the premises as their principal residence consistent with RCW 59.18.650(2)(d), or (ii) the property owners' intent to sell the property consistent with RCW 59.18.650(2)(e). Local law enforcement may serve or otherwise act on eviction orders, including writs of restitution, that contain the findings required by this paragraph.

Prohibiting Treating Wildfire Displacement as Abandonment

Based on the above noted situation and under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(1)(h), and to preserve and maintain life, health, property or the public peace, effective immediately and until 11:59 p.m. on August 31, 2026, I hereby prohibit the following activities related to residential dwellings in Washington State:

Landlords, property owners, and property managers are prohibited from treating a tenant's absence from any dwelling in Chelan, Douglas, Ferry, Okanogan, Spokane, Stevens, and Yakima Counties, and the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, and Spokane Tribe of Indians land as a result of this wildfire emergency, including due to emergency evacuation or fire damage, as abandonment of the premises for purposes of RCW 59.18.310, unless the tenant communicates their intent not to resume their tenancy.

Prohibiting Evictions of Tenants Who Have Taken in Displaced Individuals and Pets

Based on the above noted situation and under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(1)(h), and to preserve and maintain life, health, property or the public peace, effective immediately and until 11:59 p.m. on August 31, 2026, I hereby prohibit the following activities related to residential dwellings in Washington State:

Landlords, property owners, and property managers are prohibited from serving or enforcing, or threatening to serve or enforce, any notice requiring a resident to vacate any dwelling or parcel of land occupied as a dwelling, including but not limited to an eviction notice, notice of unlawful detainer, notice of termination of rental, or notice to comply or vacate, based on the occupancy of the dwelling, or parcel of land occupied as a dwelling, of one or more individuals, including their pets, who were displaced from their primary residence in Chelan, Douglas, Ferry, Okanogan, Spokane, Stevens, and Yakima Counties, and the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, and Spokane Tribe of Indians land as a result of this wildfire emergency, including due to emergency evacuation or fire damage. This prohibition applies unless the landlord, property owner, or property manager attaches an affidavit signed under penalty of perjury to the eviction or termination of tenancy notice that the landlord, property owner, or property manager has verified that the additional occupants were not displaced from their primary residence as a result of the wildfire emergency, including the basis of that verification.

Terminology used in these prohibitions related to HOUSING shall be understood by reference to Washington law, including but not limited to RCW 49.60, RCW 59.12, RCW 59.18, and RCW 59.20.

ADULT FAMILY HOMES AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES

Based on the above-noted situation and under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(2)(g), I find that strict compliance with the following statutory and regulatory obligations or limitations will prevent, hinder, or delay necessary actions for coping with the State of Emergency in the provision of residential long-term services and supports, and accordingly proclaim that the language of each statutory or regulatory provision specified below is hereby immediately waived and suspended as indicated below, for a period of 30 days from the date of this Proclamation, in Chelan, Douglas, Ferry, Okanogan, Spokane, Stevens, and Yakima Counties and lands of the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, and Spokane Tribe of Indians, only for actions taken in response to the emergency:

<u>Waiving Provisions to Support Displaced Residents of Adult Family Homes</u>

RCW 70.128.010(1) – the following language only:
"more than one but not more than six adults" and "An adult family home may provide services to up to eight adults upon approval from the department under RCW 70.128.066."

RCW 70.128.060(11)(a)(ii) – the following language only:
"the department shall charge the licensee a nonrefundable fee to increase bed capacity at the adult family home to seven or eight beds"

RCW 70.128.066 (in its entirety).

WAC 388-76-10030 (in its entirety).

WAC 388-76-10031 (in its entirety).

WAC 388-76-10055(4) (in its entirety).

WAC 388-76-10330(1) – the following language only:
"before admitting a resident to the home"

WAC 388-76-10395(3) (in its entirety).

WAC 388-76-10530(1) – the following language only:
"and before the resident is admitted to the home"

<u>Waiving Provisions to Support Displaced Residents of Assisted Living Facilities</u>

RCW 18.20.350(2) – the following language only:

"If there is an emergency admission, the preadmission assessment shall be completed within five days of the date of admission."

WAC 388-78A-2070(2) (in its entirety).

WAC 388-78A-2730(2)(a) (in its entirety).

WAC 388-78A-2870 (in its entirety).

MEDICAL AND PHARMACY SERVICES

Based on the above-noted situation and under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(2)(g), I find that strict compliance with the following statutory and regulatory obligations or limitations will prevent, hinder, or delay necessary actions for coping with the State of Emergency in the provision of medical and pharmacy services, and accordingly proclaim that the language of each statutory or regulatory provision specified below is hereby immediately waived and suspended as indicated below, for a period of 30 days from the date of this Proclamation, in Chelan, Douglas, Ferry, Okanogan, Spokane, Stevens, and Yakima Counties and lands of the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, and Spokane Tribe of Indians, only for actions taken in response to the emergency:

<u>Waiving Medical Assistant Supervision Requirements</u>

RCW 18.360.010(12) – the following language only:
"physically present and is" and "in the facility"

<u>Waiving Health Care Professional Licensure Renewal Deadlines</u>

RCW 43.70.280(2) – the following language only:
"Such extension, reduction, or other modification of a licensing, certification, or registration period shall be by rule or regulation of the department of health adopted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 34.05 RCW. Such rules and regulations may provide a method for imposing and collecting such additional proportional fee as may be required for the extended or modified period."

<u>Waiving Hospital Privilege Documentation</u>

RCW 70.41.230 (in its entirety).

<u>Waiving Pharmacy Location-Specific Licensure</u>

RCW 18.64.043(1) – the following language only:

"of location, which shall entitle the owner to operate such pharmacy at the location specified, or such other temporary location as the secretary may approve,"

RCW 18.64.043(2)(a) – the following language only:
"of location"

RCW 18.64.043(3) – the following language only:
"and to keep the license of location or the renewal thereof property exhibited in said pharmacy."

WAC 246-945-230(3)(b) (in its entirety).

WAC 246-945-230(4) – the following language only:
"is issued to a location and"

WAC 246-945-992(1) – the following language only:
"pharmacy,"

Waiving Requirements to Allow Temporary or Relocated Clinics

RCW 70.38.105(4)(a) (in its entirety; waiver does not apply to nursing homes).

RCW 70.41.110 – the following language only:
"premises and"

WAC 246-310-020(1)(a) (in its entirety; waiver does not apply to nursing homes).

Waiving Fees for Vital Records

RCW 70.58A.560(1) (in its entirety for persons affected by the emergency).

RCW 70.58A.560(4) (in its entirety for persons affected by the emergency).

WAC 246-491-990 (in its entirety for persons affected by the emergency).

LICENSES, PERMITS, AND FEES

Based on the above-noted situation and under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(2)(g), I find that strict compliance with the following statutory and regulatory obligations or limitations will prevent, hinder, or delay necessary actions to assist individuals and families in responding to this State of Emergency, and accordingly proclaim that the language of each statutory provision specified below is hereby waived and suspended as indicated below for individuals impacted by the August 2026 wildfires until 30 days after the date of this Proclamation:

RCW 46.12.580 (in its entirety, effective beginning August 12, 2026).

RCW 46.17.005 (in its entirety, effective beginning August 12, 2026).

RCW 46.17.040 (in its entirety, effective beginning August 12, 2026).

RCW 46.17.100 (in its entirety, effective beginning August 12, 2026).

RCW 46.20.200 (in its entirety, effective immediately).

RCW 88.02.540 (in its entirety, effective beginning August 12, 2026).

RCW 88.02.640(1)(d) (in its entirety, effective beginning August 12, 2026).

RCW 88.02.640(1)(n) (in its entirety, effective beginning August 12, 2026).

RCW 43.24.140 – the following language only, effective immediately:

> "Such extension, reduction, or other modification of a licensing, certification, or registration period shall be by rule or regulation of the department of licensing adopted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 34.05 RCW. Such rules and regulations may provide a method for imposing and collecting such additional proportional fee as may be required for the extended or modified period."

RCW 46.20.181(1) (in its entirety, effective immediately).

OUTDOOR BURN BAN

Under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(1)(h), to preserve and maintain life, health, property, or the public peace, the temporary outdoor burn ban imposed in Proclamation 26-03 remains in effect in all 39 Washington Counties until noon on Wednesday, September 30, 2026. The ban may be ended or extended if conditions warrant.

1. Except as provided in this proclamation, this outdoor burn ban includes but is not limited to campfires, bonfires, residential yard debris clean-up, trash disposal, land clearing, weed abatement, and agricultural burning activity.

2. This prohibition does not include the following activities:
    - use of liquid-fueled or gas-fueled stoves or grills over a non-flammable surface and at least five feet from flammable vegetation;
    - agricultural or silviculture burning pursuant to a fire permit issued by a local or state authority in accordance with existing statutes and rules; and

- campfires at state, county and municipal parks and campgrounds, or small campfires contained in a structure (including fire rings) on private property, in accordance with current and ongoing restrictions imposed by the agency or property owner with legal authority over the park, campground, or property.

Nothing in this order supersedes more restrictive provisions of the counties, municipalities, fire districts, other political subdivisions, or public or private landowners. Nothing in this order supersedes fire or fireworks permits issued by a local authority that provide specific written approval for the prescribed burning activity. This order does not apply to firefighting activities by authorized firefighters acting in accordance with the firefighting plan.

AGENCY REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO FACILITATE REBUILDING

I hereby direct that the Department of Commerce, the Department of Ecology, the Department of Labor and Industries, and the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation shall, within 30 days of the date of this Proclamation, provide a report and recommendations to me identifying any provisions of the State Environmental Protection Act (SEPA), the Growth Management Act (GMA), the Shoreline Management Act (SMA), and any regulations promulgated thereunder, that should be waived or suspended on the grounds that strict compliance would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency, including by preventing, hindering, or delaying the rebuilding of housing and other structures, while this State of Emergency is in effect. The report should also address any equity, cost, insurance, or other significant considerations associated with recommended waivers or suspensions. Thereafter, the report shall be updated every 60 days, as appropriate and as recovery and rebuilding efforts proceed, to identify any additional provisions of SEPA, GMA, SMA, and any regulations promulgated thereunder, that are posing barriers to rebuilding and that should be considered for waiver or suspension.

I hereby direct that the State Building Code Council shall, within 30 days of the date of this Proclamation, review and provide a report and recommendations to me identifying any provisions of the Washington State Building Code that should be waived or suspended on the grounds that strict compliance would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency, including by preventing, hindering, or delaying the rebuilding of housing and other structures, while this State of Emergency is in effect. The report should also address any equity, cost, insurance, or other significant considerations associated with recommended waivers or suspensions. Thereafter, the report shall be updated every 60 days, as appropriate and as recovery and rebuilding efforts proceed, to identify any additional provisions of the Washington State

Building Code that are posing barriers to rebuilding and that should be considered for waiver or suspension.

WASHINGTON NATIONAL GUARD AND STATE GUARD

As a result of the dangerous wildfire conditions, pursuant to RCW 38.08.040, members of the Washington National Guard and Washington State Guard continue to be authorized to serve on temporary state active duty as needed to protect life, health, property, or the public peace from the hazards discussed above as may be necessary in the opinion of The Adjutant General, and to perform such duties as directed by competent authority of the Washington Military Department in addressing this event.

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington on this 10th day of August A.D., two thousand and twenty-six, at Spokane, Washington.

By:

/s/
Bob Ferguson
Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR

/s/
Secretary of State