

BY-LAW NO. 12661

**A By-law to declare a
State of Emergency in Vancouver**

WHEREAS an emergency exists in the City of Vancouver as a result of the pandemic spread of COVID-19;

AND WHEREAS the powers of the City are not adequate to address the pandemic spread of COVID-19 without declaring an emergency.

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VANCOUVER, in a public meeting, enacts as follows:

1. Pursuant to section 173 of the *Vancouver Charter* (SBC 1953, c. 55), a state of emergency exists across the City of Vancouver, due to the spread of COVID-19.
2. The Council of the City of Vancouver is hereby authorized to exercise all powers necessary to deal effectively with the emergency.
3. Council hereby authorizes City Manager Sadhu Johnston, Deputy City Manager Paul Mochrie and Fire Chief Darrell Reid to:
 - a. acquire or use any land or personal property considered necessary to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of the emergency, including the use of buildings to assist with the increased demands for healthcare, shelter and childcare;
 - b. procure on a first priority basis any clothing, equipment, medical supplies or other essential supplies required to cope with the emergency, for the duration of the emergency; and
 - c. restrict, limit or prohibit through the issuance of written orders, the use or occupancy of any premises within the City of Vancouver.
4. This By-law shall come into force and take effect immediately upon enactment.
5. A decision by a court that any part of this By-law is illegal, void, or unenforceable severs that part from this By-law, and is not to affect the balance of this By-law.

Enacted by Council this 19th day of March, 2020

Signed _____ "Kennedy Stewart"
Mayor

Signed _____ "Rosemary Hagiwara"
Acting City Clerk