



**Emergency Order #2020-2 Prohibiting Enforcement of Motor Vehicle Noise Regulations  
For Vehicles That Support Retail, Grocery, Pharmaceutical, and Food industries**

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020, Mayor Armondo Pavone declared an emergency related to the spread of COVID-19 (the Proclamation of Emergency);

WHEREAS, the Proclamation of Emergency authorizes the City to exercise emergency powers to take actions without regard to time consuming procedures or formalities that would otherwise be required by law to the extent so required under the exigencies of the situation;

WHEREAS, the latest Public Health guidance and orders from the Washington State Governor and the Department of Health – King County and Seattle encourage and/or require measures that make in-person visits to retail, grocery, pharmaceutical, and food establishments impractical and/or prohibited for many people;

WHEREAS, as more people stock up on goods and food in preparation to stay home during the COVID-19 emergency, the demands on retail and grocery stores require an increased level of trucking and transportation services to resupply and deliver goods;

WHEREAS, delivery services are critical to supporting those who are staying home and following the guidance and requirements of the CDC, Washington State government, and the Department of Public Health – Seattle and King County;

WHEREAS, the City adopted state motor vehicle noise regulations in RMC 8-7-1, which if enforced could inhibit retail providers from serving community needs in this emergency;

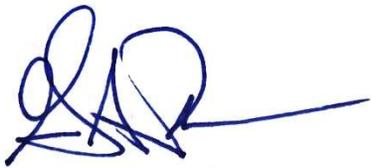
WHEREAS, the state motor vehicle noise regulations, in WAC 173-62-040, exempt/allow “noise caused in the performance of emergency work for the immediate safety, health or welfare of the community or of individuals of the community”;

WHEREAS, in the context of the current emergency, delivery vehicles supporting the retail, grocery, pharmaceutical, and food industries are performing emergency work for the immediate safety, health or welfare of the community and should therefore be exempt from enforcement of the state motor vehicle noise regulations, including application of such regulations to nighttime deliveries.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Armondo Pavone, Mayor of the City of Renton, ORDER under the emergency powers granted to me under the Proclamation of Emergency that:**

1. The above recitals are true and correct in all respects;
2. The City shall not enforce RMC 8-7-1 against delivery vehicles that support the retail, grocery, pharmaceutical, and food industries for so long as applicable state, federal, or county orders prevent regular operation of retail operations without limitations for social distancing or gathering size.

Dated March 16, 2020



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Armondo Pavone, Mayor  
City of Renton

Attest:



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Jason Seth, City Clerk

