TO: ALL INSURERS AUTHORIZED OR ADMITTED TO TRANSACT PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE BUSINESS IN WASHINGTON TATE AND ALL ENTITIES REGULATED BY THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

FROM: MIKE KREIDLER, INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

RE: PARTIALLY EXTENDING EMERGENCY ORDER 20-05 PURSUANT TO RCW 48.02.060(5)


The Insurance Commissioner finds that the State of Emergency caused by the ongoing COVID-19 novel coronavirus outbreak, as identified in the Order, remains in effect. As a result, there is a continued need to protect the property, safety and welfare of Washington citizens as provided in Parts A through B of the Order. With this extension, the Order may be read as follows:

A. All Regulated Entities transacting any property or casualty insurance business in the state of Washington that have deadlines requiring policyholders to report completed repairs in order to claim withheld depreciation payments that will expire between April 27, 2020 and July 25, 2020, or the expiration of the Governor’s Emergency Proclamation 20-25 Stay Home – Stay Healthy and any subsequent extensions or amendments, whichever is first, shall extend these deadlines to at least 60 days after July 25, 2020, or the expiration of the Governor’s Emergency Proclamation 20-25 Stay Home – Stay Healthy and any subsequent extensions or amendments, whichever is first, to give policyholders a meaningful opportunity to meet reporting requirements for withheld depreciation payments.

B. All Regulated Entities transacting any property or casualty insurance business in the state of Washington that had deadlines requiring policyholders to report completed repairs in order to claim withheld depreciation payments that expired between February 29, 2020 and April 27, 2020, shall extend these deadlines to at least 60 days after July 25, 2020, or the expiration of the Governor’s Emergency Proclamation 20-25 Stay Home – Stay Healthy and any subsequent extensions or amendments, whichever is first, to give policyholders a meaningful opportunity to meet reporting requirements for withheld depreciation payments.

RCW 48.02.060(5) states that an order by the Insurance Commissioner under subsection (4) of this section may remain effective for not more than sixty (60) days unless the Insurance Commissioner extends the termination date for the order for an additional period of not more than thirty (30) days. The Insurance Commissioner may extend the order if, in the Insurance Commissioner’s judgment, the circumstances warrant an extension.
THEREFORE, the expiration date of Emergency Order 20-05 is hereby EXTENDED BY 30 DAYS, pursuant to the Insurance Commissioner’s authority in RCW 48.02.060(5). With this modification, Emergency Order 20-05 is therefore in effect until July 25, 2020.


MIKE KREIDLER
Insurance Commissioner