

RESOLUTION 2020-09-507

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF WHITE SALMON, WASHINGTON,
RATIFYING PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY 2020-002**

WHEREAS, there is an ongoing wildfire risk creating unprecedented hazardous air conditions ;
and

WHEREAS, White Salmon's air quality specifically has been recorded at various points in
recent days as the highest level in the region as well as the world; and

WHEREAS, there are limited city firefighters and public safety personnel available; and

WHEREAS, extreme conditions and demands placed on firefighting and other public safety
resources make it necessary to prevent and reduce the risk of wildfires within the city, and to
suppress any fires that may occur; and

WHEREAS, ongoing risks from the COVID-19 pandemic, a respiratory disease that can result
in serious illness or death and is easily spread from person to person, and can mimic the
symptoms of smoke inhalation; and

WHEREAS, on August 19 Gov. Inslee issued a statewide emergency to ensure immediate
response to multiple wildfires; and

WHEREAS, proactive measures must be taken to protect public health, safety, and the welfare
of City of White Salmon residents, visitors, and staff, and

WHEREAS, additional resources, including PPE for first responders, that are already limited
due to the COVID-19 pandemic may also be necessary to abate wildfire risks and inhalation of
hazardous air; and

WHEREAS, severity of the event may go beyond the capability of local resources and duration
of the event is unknown.

WHEREAS, on September 14, 2020, Mayor Marla Keethler issued Emergency Proclamation
2020-02, declaring an emergency in the City of White Salmon pursuant to Section 38.52.070
RCW and other relevant provisions of state and federal law due to ongoing wildfire risks and
unprecedented hazardous air conditions.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITE
SALMON AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Ratification and Finding of Fact.

Council hereby ratifies Emergency Proclamation 2020-02 issued by Mayor Marla Keethler for
the City of White Salmon on September 14, 2020. Council further finds that an emergency exists

pursuant to Section 39.04.280(2)(b) RCW and authorizes the Mayor to waive any necessary competitive bidding requirements related to the hazardous air conditions and ongoing wildfire risks emergency.

Section 2. Effectiveness.

The provisions of this Resolution shall become effective upon adoption and expire at 11:59 p.m. on September 30, 2020 unless further extended or shortened by the determination of the Mayor depending on air quality conditions.

ADOPTED by the Council of the City of White Salmon, Washington. Dated this 16th day of September, 2020.

Marla Keethler, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer

Kenneth B. Woodrich, City Attorney