

**CITY OF WHITE SALMON, WASHINGTON**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-02-401  
RESOLUTION DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY  
FOR EXCAVATION DUE TO WATER LEAK**

WHEREAS, the City of White Salmon Public Works Department has reported that on Wednesday, January 28th, 2015, on or around 11:00 am, an excavation to repair a water service leak at 1665 Jewett (SR141) appears to include an additional water source, potentially from the 14" water main at that location. The leak and the water run-off is increasing and impacting the ditch along the highway at the above address. Additional excavation on Thursday, January 29th, 2015, revealed that a backhoe excavation would be unsafe and prolong the repairs. The Public Works Department does not have the right equipment to accomplish the needed excavation in a safe manner; and

WHEREAS, water from the site is filling the ditch along the property on SR141 and continuing runoff may undermine the pavement and

WHEREAS, the undermining of the road edge would result in a severe traffic hazard and a much more expensive repair; and

WHEREAS, there is an emergency present, which necessitates the utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to the City of White Salmon Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan;

WHEREAS, to properly access appropriate services and equipment in a timely manner the City may need to waive competitive bidding requirements and award all necessary contracts on behalf of the City to properly address the incident;


NOW THEREFORE, the White Salmon City Council do resolve as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby declared an emergency as defined by RCW 39.04.280(3) due to the unforeseen nature of the condition and the immediate risk to damage property and endanger health.

Section 2. Pursuant to the emergency declared in Section 1, the City Public Works Department is authorized to enter into contract and incur obligations necessary to address such emergency with approval of the Mayor. Emergency measures may include excavating deep water services with a trackhoe, bench pit and backfilling and soil compaction and other related activities necessary to abate the emergency.

Section 3. The declaration of a local emergency set forth in Section 1 shall terminate when in the Mayor's judgment the emergency measures contained herein are no longer required to safeguard property and public health.

Passed by the City Council this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015 by not fewer than a majority plus one of the Council.

  
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Mayor of the City of White Salmon

ATTEST:

  
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Clerk of the City of White Salmon

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Attorney for the City of White Salmon