

CITY OF WHITE SALMON, WASHINGTON

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-06-413
RESOLUTION DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY
FOR EXCAVATION DUE TO WATER LEAK**

WHEREAS, the City of White Salmon Public Works Department has reported that on Thursday, June 4th, 2015, a customer called to report a water leak on a line in Arnett Road. The leak was inspected and scheduled for repairs on Monday, June 8th. The line was repaired and there were no visible leaks, however it was noted that the line would need to be replaced in the near future. On Wednesday, June 10th around 10am, Mr. Riggleman called and noticed the line leaking again. At 2pm, he called back to say that the line was gushing and taking out the roadway. At 3pm, public works did a temporary repair to provide water to two residences overnight. During an assessment of the area on the 10th it was determined that backhoe excavation would be unsafe and prolong the repairs due to the difficult terrain. The Public Works Department does not have the right equipment to accomplish the needed excavation in a safe manner; and

WHEREAS, water from the leak is undermining the roadway; 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 17th day of June, 2015 by not fewer than a majority plus one of the Council.



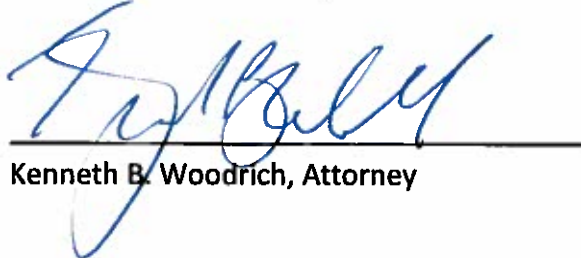
David Poucher, Mayor

ATTEST:



Leana Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Kenneth B. Woodrich, Attorney