

**CITY OF WHITE SALMON, WASHINGTON**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-08-419**

**RESOLUTION DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY  
FOR EXCAVATION AND REPAIR OF BUCK CREEK MAINLINE**

WHEREAS, on Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 at 10:45 the City of White Salmon Public Works Department emergency on-call employee was notified of a major leak on the mainline from the water source at Buck Creek , about two miles from the Nathan Wellman Sand Filtration Plant. Staff went to the site to determine the extent of the leak and concluded that the line needed to be shut down in order to prevent further damage and possible contamination of the drinking water. The city declared a Water Emergency and required all residents to conserve water in order to prevent running the city's wells dry; and

WHEREAS, delay of the repair would cause a health risk to customers as there is the potential that the city could be without water and it would cause a safety risk due to the decrease in water supply in the event of a fire; 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;

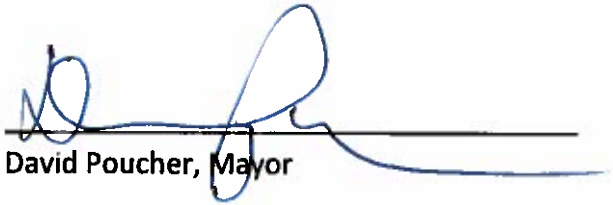
NOW THEREFORE, the White Salmon City Council do resolve as follows:

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 public 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015 by not fewer than a majority plus one of the Council.



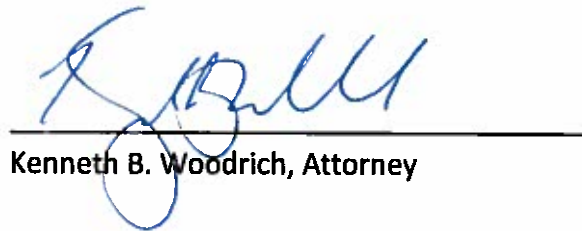
David Poucher, Mayor

ATTEST:



Leana Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Kenneth B. Woodrich, Attorney