

**RESOLUTION 2017-01-449**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITE SALMON,  
WASHINGTON, DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO WINTER STORM  
ACTIVITY**

**WHEREAS**, the City of White Salmon was impacted by the winter snow and ice storm that began January 17, 2017. Clearing roads and debris in the area has taxed the Public Works crew. State Highway 14 was closed throughout Skamania County, as was I-84 on the Oregon side of the Columbia River Gorge. Area schools were closed. This winter storm event has caused the threat of an emergency/disaster by creating power outages and blocked roads in parts of White Salmon; and

**WHEREAS**, under the above referenced conditions there is substantial likelihood of risk to persons, property and the environment unless further efforts are taken to reduce the threat; and

**WHEREAS**, the conditions stated above constitute an emergency/disaster for the area of the White Salmon, necessitating the utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to RCW 35A.33.080, 38.52.070(2), and 38.52.110(1);

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

**Section 1.** There is hereby declared an emergency due to the damaging winter/ice storms in White Salmon.

**Section 2.** Pursuant to the emergency declared at Section 1, the City is authorized to enter into contract and incur obligations necessary to combat such emergency to protect the health and safety of persons, property, and the environment, and provide emergency assistance to the victims of such emergency.

**Section 3.** It is hereby declared that efforts will be made to respond to, and mitigate the effect of this storm event. Citizens are encouraged to take steps to protect their property, and prepare for at least three days of supplies.

**Section 4.** The declaration of a local emergency set forth at Section 1 shall terminate when in the Mayor's judgement the emergency measures contained herein are no longer required for the protection of the public peace, safety, and welfare.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of White Salmon, Washington. Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2017.

**CITY OF WHITE SALMON, WASHINGTON**

  
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David Poucher, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Leana Johnson, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Kenneth Woodrich, City Attorney