

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2017-09-459**

<p><b>A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF WHITE SALMON DECLARING A CONTINUING PUBLIC WORKS EMERGENCY</b></p>
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*WHEREAS* on February 1, 2017 the City of White Salmon adopted Resolution 2017-01-449 declaring an emergency due to the winter snow and ice storm that began on January 17, 2017. After that event passed the City had recognized damage that was exacerbated by the freezing, thawing actions and an inadequately storm water system that took place during and after that recognized storm event.

*WHEREAS*, it is recognized that State Hwy 141 is a collector of storm water from the City of White Salmon and Klickitat County. The City of White Salmon has a storm water collection system below Hwy 141; However the storm collection grates are several feet away from the curb and at a substantially higher elevation than the curb gutter system which resulted in storm water races against the curb and dump on the lower street and residence reaches of White Salmon.

*WHEREAS*, the freezing and thawing action of this storm event has breached the asphalt gutter seal on State Hwy 141 causing storm water to infiltrate under the sidewalk causing cataclysmic failure to:

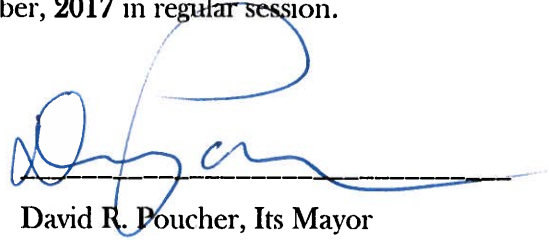
- Private and public infrastructure and buildings,
- Major situation of Jewett Creek, Dry Creek and ultimately the Columbia River causing an adverse effect on fish.
- Unstable bluff conditions which has resulted in sediment and rock slide on State Hwy 14.

*WHEREAS*, the City in previous years has experienced failure of the poorly designed storm water collection system on State Hwy 141 that has caused damage to the lower reaches of White Salmon and failure of the seal from the curb and the State Hwy in minor amounts. The storm has aggravated that failure along the entire south side of the Hwy.


*WHEREAS*, the City needs to make every effort to respond to these domestic and environmental issues by mitigating the failures of existing storm collection system through reconstruction and improvement project that will replace the failing infrastructure.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** , I David Poucher, Mayor of White Salmon as a result of the above-described situation, hereby declare that a continuing State of Emergency exists in the City of White Salmon and direct that the City Administrator to seek assistance to alleviate the damage described above and the further damage and loss of property that will ensue if the conditions are not corrected prior to the upcoming wet season.

*ADOPTED* this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017 in regular session.




David R. Poucher, Its Mayor



Leana Johnson, Clerk-Treasurer

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**



Kenneth B. Woodrich, City Attorney