

**RESOLUTION # 1-2025**

**RESOLUTION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY**

The City of Columbus Utility Commission does hereby resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, The City of Columbus Utility Commission (Commission) is responsible for maintaining the equipment and infrastructure in order to provide water services to the residents of the City of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, part of the equipment and infrastructure under the Control of the Commission is Water Plant #1; and

WHEREAS, Water Plant #1 recently experienced serious malfunctions to the valves which are necessary to keep Water Plant #1 working properly;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to immediately begin and complete the repairs of the valves and these repairs can only be completed by a very limited number of vendors and with very specialized replacement parts; and

WHEREAS, the Commission, sitting as the equivalent of the Board of Public Works as identified in the statute, believes it necessary to declare an emergency in order to immediately complete the repairs necessary to Water Plant #1 in order to get the Plant up and running in order to provide water service to the citizens of Columbus.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 62.15(1b), in order to protect the public health and welfare of the citizens of Columbus and to preserve its infrastructure, the Columbus Utility Commission declares an emergency which shall remain in effect until the necessary repairs are made to Water Plant #1 or this Resolution is cancelled by action of the Common Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Water Utility may undertake the necessary repairs and obtain the required parts to complete the parts without having to go through the formal bidding process as set forth in section 62.15, Stats.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the City of Columbus Utility Commission does hereby authorize and direct the President of the Commission to execute this Resolution immediately.

This Resolution approved by the City of Columbus Utility Commission this \_\_\_\_ day of January 2025.

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Michael Thom

President, City of Columbus Utility Commission