

**RESOLUTION DECLARING A STATE OF ) RESOLUTION NO. 2024-25**  
**EMERGENCY IN ANTICIPATION OF SIGNIFICANT )**  
**IMPACTS ON WATER SUPPLY AND WATER )**  
**QUALITY FOR THE CITY OF LEBANON )**

**WHEREAS**, The U.S Army Corps of Engineers has been undertaking drawdown operations for several reservoirs in the Willamette Valley, including the Green Peter Reservoir; and

**WHEREAS**, these drawdowns have led to significant impacts on water supply and water quality in affected areas like Lebanon, Oregon; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Lebanon has been notified that the U.S Army Corps of Engineers will begin another drawdown in October 2024 and last 52 days; and

**WHEREAS**, the drawdown water contains high amount of sediment and woody debris and other constituents, causing among other things high turbidity into the drinking water source of the City of Lebanon; and

**WHEREAS**, the lower reservoir levels may uncover unknow hazards as the lakebed is exposed; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lebanon Water Treatment Plant is not designed to manage the effects of drawdowns as implemented by the U.S Army Corps. of Engineers in 2023 and as planned for 2024, including but not limited to sustained Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTU) above 50 NTU; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2023 drawdown negatively impacted the quality of the City of Lebanon’s drinking water, damaged Lebanon’s water treatment facilities, and threatens to do so again with the 2024 planned drawdown, including but not limited to high Nephelometric Turbidity levels which impact drinking water disinfection; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lebanon has good cause to believe the 2023 drawdown and the 2024 planned drawdown by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers violate state and federal laws and regulations related to water quality and endangered species; and/or violate policies, procedures, and protocols for dam drawdowns; and/or violate court orders related thereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lebanon has known data that the City of Lebanon Water Treatment Plant will not be able to sustain the 2024 drawdown under normal operations; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lebanon will require significant resources to provide for the health and safety of residents; and

**WHEREAS**, The Lebanon Municipal Code Chapter 13.04.480 Water Emergency states “The city administrator of the city shall, upon receiving reliable information that the system function, capacity or water purity is about to be impaired or has been impaired, declare an emergency. Upon declaration of such an emergency, the city administrator shall impose such restriction upon the use of water as he deems necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare

of the citizens of the affected area. The city administrator shall use reasonable means to notify the public of the restrictions imposed. The city council may, at any meeting subsequent to the emergency, by resolution, confirm, alter, amend or terminate the restriction imposed by the city administrator.”, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lebanon determines the need for critical emergency protective measures including personnel, equipment, supplies for clean water distribution; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Oregon, pursuant to ORS 401.309(1); authorizes the governing body of Oregon cities and counties to declare a local state of emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lebanon, pursuant to the Emergency Operation Plan and Lebanon Municipal Code Chapter 2.34 authorized the Interim City Manager to declare a State of Emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, a Response to the drawdown has been established and will be amended by the Emergency Response Director as deemed appropriate.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Lebanon as follows:

1. The City Council hereby declares a State of Emergency for the City of Lebanon.
2. A Response to the impacts on water supply and water quality has been established and will be amended by the Emergency Response Director as deemed appropriate; and
3. The City Manager of the City of Lebanon, as the Emergency Response Director as indicated in the Emergency Operation Plan, may take any and all necessary steps authorized by law to coordinate a response to this emergency; and
4. The State of Emergency declaration authorizes the City Manager of the City of Lebanon to reallocate any city funds for emergency use; and
5. The City Manager of the City of Lebanon is authorized to coordinate an effective response by redirecting funding for emergency use as needed and suspending standard procurement procedures; and
6. This resolution is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until at least until December 31, 2024 but may be extended through a revised declaration.
7. The City Manager has the authority to extend the date of the state of emergency without further ratification, so long as the conditions giving rise to the declaration exist.

Passed by the Lebanon City Council and executed by the Mayor on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of October 2024 by a vote of \_\_\_ yeas and \_\_\_\_\_ nays.

CITY OF LEBANON, OREGON

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 Kenneth Jackola, Mayor   
 Michelle Steinhebel, Council President

ATTESTED:

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 Julie Fisher, CMC, City Recorder