

CITY OF LYNDEN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



Meeting Date:	2/19/2019	Legal Review: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Reviewed <input type="checkbox"/> No - Not Reviewed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Review Not Required
Department:	Administration	
Contact Name/Phone:	Mike Martin 360-255-7109	
Council Committee Review:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Development <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Finance <input type="checkbox"/> Public Works <input type="checkbox"/> Parks <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		
Attachments:		
Emergency Declaration Lynden Municipal Code Chapter 2, Section 10.060		
Name of Agenda Item:		
Emergency Declaration- Incident #19-0410- Severe Winter Storm Weather		
Summary Statement:		
See attached Emergency Declaration		
Recommended Action:		
Council approval (by motion) of the Emergency Declaration- Incident #19-0410- Severe Winter Storm Weather document.		

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ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT
Scott Korthuis, Mayor
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CITY OF LYNDEN EMERGENCY DECLARATION

WHEREAS, Governor Inslee and the Whatcom County Executive have issued declarations of Emergency for the State and for Whatcom County and incident number #19-0410 has been assigned based on the current severe winter storm weather; and

WHEREAS, the City Administrator has reported to the Mayor that beginning on February 8th and continuing to this date, heavy snowfall has resulted in an emergency response by City personnel to keep essential City streets, parking lots, drainage, and walkways clear, and,

WHEREAS, this incident is a threat to public safety, and demands immediate action, and;

WHEREAS, property could be damaged unless further efforts are taken to reduce that threat, and;

WHEREAS, this constitutes an emergency as defined by the Whatcom County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and necessitates the utilization of powers granted pursuant to the City Emergency Management Plan and RCW 38.52.070(2); therefore,

BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR that an emergency exists in Lynden; therefore, City departments are authorized to do the following:

- Enter contracts and incur obligations necessary to combat such emergency situations to protect the public, and;
- Take necessary actions to mitigate property damage; and,
- Other actions, as deemed appropriate by the City Administrator or his designee.

Each department is authorized to exercise the powers vested under this proclamation in the light of the exigencies of an extreme emergency situation without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law (excepting mandatory constitutional requirements). This Proclamation shall remain in effect until the issuance of a Termination Proclamation by the Mayor.

Dated this 12th day of February 2019.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Scott Korthuis".

Scott Korthuis, Mayor

2.10.060 - Emergency and disaster powers of the mayor.

In the event of a proclamation of a disaster as provided in this chapter, or upon the proclamation of a state of emergency by the Governor, the mayor is empowered:

- A. To make and issue rules and regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property as affected by such disaster; provided, however, such rules and regulations must be confirmed at the earliest practicable time by the city council;
- B. To obtain vital supplies, equipment, and such other properties found lacking and needed for the protection of the life and property of the people and to bind the city for the fair value thereof, and, if required immediately, to commandeer the same for public use;
- C. To control and direct the efforts of the emergency management organization of the city for the accomplishment of the purposes of this chapter;
- D. To require emergency services of any city officer or employee, and, in the event of the proclamation of a state of extreme emergency by the Governor in the region in which this city is located, to command the aid of as many citizens of this city as may be deemed necessary in the execution of the mayor's duties; such persons to be entitled to all privileges, benefits and immunities as are provided by state law or registered emergency workers;
- E. To requisition necessary personnel or material of any city department or agency;
- F. To execute all of the special powers conferred upon the mayor by this ordinance, or by any other statute, agreement or lawful authority, as necessary;
- G. To establish and maintain continuity of government so as to establish provided exemptions to notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act and ensure proper succession of authority as is established in the city emergency operations procedures.

(Ord. 1037 § A(part), 1997).