



City of Mercer Island, Washington

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION 327

DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the City of Mercer Island (City) is a non-charter code city organized under title 35A RCW;

WHEREAS, RCW 38.52.070 has authorized the creation of local organizations for emergency management within the City;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance 95C-007, the City established an Emergency Management Organization and designated the Police Chief (or Emergency Manager as designee) to administer the Emergency Management Organization;

WHEREAS, the City Manager and Emergency Manager have reported to the City Council that a state of emergency exists within the city of Mercer Island (Mercer Island) based upon potential landslides at Mercer Island caused by water leaks of certain supply lines owned by Seattle Public Utilities (SPU);

WHEREAS, the City will need to commit all available local resources to preserve public health, safety and welfare, and to provide relief to those impacted by this emergency, but the severity of this emergency may be beyond the capability of local resources; and

WHEREAS, this proclamation declaring a local emergency is necessary to preserve the public health, safety and welfare of Mercer Island.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AS FOLLOWS:

1. **Emergency Declaration.** A state of emergency, specifically under Chapter 38.52 RCW, exists within the city of Mercer Island, Washington, as a result of potential landslides caused by water leaks of certain supply lines owned by SPU. This emergency impacts public health, safety and welfare of those living and working at Mercer Island.
2. **Emergency Powers.** All emergency powers and authority set forth in RCW 38.52.070 are hereby invoked, including without limitation to the right to enter into contract, employ temporary workers and incur obligations without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law (except mandatory constitutional requirements).
3. **Limitations.** This emergency proclamation is not intended as a “proclamation of civil emergency” under MICC 9.40.010 or as a finding of “public danger” under RCW 35A.13.030.

DATED this 3rd day of April, 2024

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jessi Bon", is written over a horizontal line.

Jessi Bon
City Manager