

RESOLUTION NO. 1678

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SNOQUALMIE, WASHINGTON, RATIFYING THE JANUARY 17, 2024, EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION #24-02

WHEREAS, it was reported to the Office of the Mayor, that beginning January 17, 2024, severe winter storm was predicted to produce icy conditions, snowfall, power outages, hazardous driving conditions and disruption of governmental services, emergency public works operations, and flood preparation in the City of Snoqualmie; and

WHEREAS, the severe winter storm conditions constitute a threat to life and property; and

WHEREAS, the severe winter storm conditions constitute an emergency as defined by the Snoqualmie Comprehensive Emergency Services and Management Plan, and necessitates the utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant Snoqualmie Municipal Code Chapter 2.48 and RCW 35.34.140; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.48.020(B) of the Snoqualmie Municipal Code defines an “emergency” as including “an event or set of circumstances which demands immediate action to preserve public health, protect life, protect property, protect natural resources or to provide relief to any stricken community overtaken by such occurrences”; and

WHEREAS, SMC 2.48.050(A)(1) and (2) authorize the Mayor to, among other things, “make and issue emergency rules, regulations, and orders on matters reasonably related to the protection of life, property, persons, businesses and natural resources affected by such emergency or disaster,” and “[i]ssue and transmit to federal, state, regional and local agencies a proclamation of local emergency authorizing the mayor and city staff to, *inter alia*, take all necessary actions and measures to combat a disaster; protect persons, property, and natural resources; and provide

emergency assistance to victims of the disaster and exercise powers authorized in RCW 38.52.070; and

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2024, Mayor Katherine Ross issued a Proclamation of Emergency indicating that an emergency exists in Snoqualmie and authorizing the Mayor, City Administrator, and City of Snoqualmie departments to

- (1) Enter into contracts for services and mutual aid agreements, rent equipment, purchase supplies and materials, and incur obligations on behalf of the City as necessary to respond to and/or combat the severe winter conditions and related emergency conditions, to protect the health and safety of persons and property;
- (2) Close or restrict access to, and evacuate, such roads, streets or other areas of the City as may be adversely affected by the emergency;
- (3) Provide appropriate emergency assistance to the victims of the emergency; and
- (4) Other, as determined appropriate by the Mayor, City Administrator or Department Heads, as applicable.

WHEREAS, SMC 2.48.050(A)(1) provides that “the mayor shall obtain the ratification or confirmation of such emergency rules, regulations, and orders by city council as soon as may be practical,” and SMC 2.48.050(A)(2) provides that “following its issuance, such a proclamation [of emergency] must be approved by the City Council when practical”;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SNOQUALMIE, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES that the Emergency Proclamation issued January 17, 2024, attached hereto as Exhibit A, and all emergency actions taken by the City are ratified under the authority thereof.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Snoqualmie, Washington this 22nd day of January 2024.

Katherine Ross, Mayor

Attest:

Approved as to form:

Deana Dean, City Clerk

David Linehan, Interim City Attorney