

RESOLUTION NO. 1632

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SNOQUALMIE, WASHINGTON, RATIFYING THE DECEMBER 29, 2022, AMENDED PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, it was reported to the Office of the Mayor, that beginning December 22, 2022, a severe winter storm was predicted to produce snowfall, ice, and potential flooding causing hazardous driving conditions and disruption of governmental services, emergency public works operations, and flood preparation in the City of Snoqualmie; and

WHEREAS, it was reported to the Office of the Mayor on December 28, 2022, that due to the severe winter storm, power outages were widespread throughout Snoqualmie causing critical emergencies to public works operations; 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 35.33.081(2); 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)(2) authorizes the Mayor to, among other things, “[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 December 22, 2022, Mayor Katherine Ross issued a Proclamation of Emergency indicating that an emergency exists in Snoqualmie; and

WHEREAS, on December 29, 2022, Mayor Katherine Ross issued an Amended Proclamation of Emergency to include power outages as a contributing factor to the emergency, 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 Section 2.48.050(A)(2) provides that “following its issuance, such a proclamation [of emergency] must be approved by the City Council when practical”; and

NOW, THERFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Snoqualmie, Washington hereby ratifies the Proclamation of Emergency issued December 22, 2022, which was subsequently amended on December 29, 2022, attached hereto as Exhibit A & B, and all emergency actions taken by the City under the authority thereof; and

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Snoqualmie, Washington this 9th day of January 2023.

Katherine Ross, Mayor

Attest:

Deana Dean, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Bob Sterbank, City Attorney