

## RESOLUTION NO. 1742

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SNOQUALMIE, WASHINGTON, RATIFYING EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION 25-25, ISSUED ON DECEMBER 10, 2025.**

**WHEREAS**, beginning on December 10, 2025, the City of Snoqualmie was hit with a severe atmospheric river weather event that brought heavy rain and flooding causing hazardous conditions; and,

**WHEREAS**, the severe weather event presented conditions that threatened life and property; 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". The severe atmospheric river, raining and flooding conditions constitute an emergency as under this section; 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**, the Mayor issued Emergency Proclamation 25-25 authorizing each city department or office the ability 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; and,

**WHEREAS**, around 3:00 pm on December 10, 2025, after the Mayor issued the Emergency Proclamation, the City of Snoqualmie activated the Emergency Operations Center (EOC); and

**WHEREAS**, the EOC was activated until late into the afternoon on December 11, 2025. Several of the City's staff stayed through the night at the EOC. Parks and Public Works provided continuous support to monitor flooding as well as prevent and mitigate damage to infrastructure and property. Other City Departments, including Police and Fire, provided continual public safety during the event; and

**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";

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** by the City Council of the City of Snoqualmie, Washington hereby ratifies Emergency Proclamation 25-25 issued by Mayor Ross for the City of Snoqualmie on December 10, 2025, and all emergency actions taken by the City under the authority thereof.

**PASSED** by the City Council of the City of Snoqualmie, Washington, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026.

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James Mayhew, Mayor

Attest:

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Deana Dean, City Clerk