

**CITY OF STEVENSON
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-389**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STEVENSON
RATIFYING EMERGENCY DECLARATION DUE TO WINTER STORM**

WHEREAS, on January 3, 2022, the Skamania County Board of Commissioners declared an emergency to allow Skamania County to take immediate steps necessary to prepare and respond appropriately to the winter storm; and

WHEREAS, on January 3, 2022, Mayor Scott Anderson declared the winter storm an emergency in the City of Stevenson pursuant to Section 38.52.010 RCW and other relevant provisions of state and federal law; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety and welfare of City residents, businesses, visitors and staff is of utmost importance to the City and additional future measures may be needed to protect the community.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Stevenson, Washington, that:

SECTION 1- RATIFICATION AND FINDING OF FACT

Council hereby ratifies the emergency declaration issued by Mayor Scott Anderson for the City of Stevenson on January 3, 2022, exhibit A. Council further finds that an emergency exists pursuant to Section 39.04.280(2)(b) RCW and authorizes the Mayor to waive any necessary competitive bidding requirements related to the winter storm emergency.

SECTION 3 - EFFECTIVENESS

The provisions of this Resolution shall become effective upon adoption and expire on January 8, 2022 unless further extended by formal action of Council.

PASSED by the Council of the City of Stevenson this 5th day of January, 2022.

Scott Anderson, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Leana Kinley, City Clerk

Kenneth B Woodrich, PC
City Attorney

EXHIBIT A

CITY OF STEVENSON, WASHINGTON

DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO SEVERE WINTER STORM ACTIVITY

WHEREAS, beginning January 3, 2022, the City of Stevenson is experiencing severe winter storms with excessive snow, clearing roads and debris in the area has taxed the public works crew, I-84 on the Oregon side of the Gorge and State Highway 14 on the Washington side of the gorge are closed, area schools are closed, and the amount of snow that has been deposited on the roofs of City owned structures is causing an emergency situation for the possibility of roof collapse or leaking which will damage the structure; and

WHEREAS, emergency volunteer firefighters may be unable to respond to an emergency due to impassable public roads in both the City and County; and

WHEREAS, due to the amount of snow the City has received, the fire hydrants have been covered and are not accessible for use in an emergency situation; and

WHEREAS, the weather is forecasted to raise to above freezing temperatures with rain causing the extreme threat of flooding which may cause residential, business, roadway and bridge flooding closures with potential evacuations of areas due to excess flood waters and landslides causing ingress and egress issues in the City of Stevenson; and

WHEREAS, this incident is a threat to life and property and demands immediate action; and

WHEREAS, the conditions stated above constitute an emergency/disaster for the area of Stevenson, necessitating the utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to RCW 35A.33.080, 38.52.070(2), and 38.52.110(1); and

WHEREAS, due to the conditions stated above, the City activated policies and procedures set out in the Skamania County Department of Emergency Management Disaster Recovery Assistance Guidebook and the City of Stevenson Emergency Guidelines (herein “the emergency guidelines”); and

WHEREAS, due to above-described conditions it is necessary for the safety and welfare of the community to direct the Public Works Department to commit substantial resources to maintaining the primary roadways, clearing storm drains to prevent flooding and other measures to protect city infrastructure.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor of Stevenson declares as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby declared an emergency effective January 3, 2022, meaning there is a real, immediate threat to the proper performance of essential functions which will likely result in material loss or damage to property, bodily injury, or loss of life, if immediate action is not taken.

Section 2. Pursuant to the emergency declared in Section 1, City departments and officers, are (1) authorized to enter into contract and incur obligations necessary to combat such emergency; (2) direct that work be undertaken to protect the City's infrastructure; and (3) direct necessary debris removal and cleaning of storm water facilities necessary to protect the health and safety of persons, property and the environment.

Section 3. The City Administrator will consult with the Mayor as practical and present any necessary or appropriate action items for review and consideration by the Council at the earliest possible date.

Section 4. The declaration of a local emergency set forth in Section 1 shall terminate by Council action when the Council determines that there no longer is a threat to public health, safety, and welfare.

Section 5. The City hereby invokes the emergency exception to the State public works competitive bidding requirements as set forth in RCW 39.04.280 due to the exigent and emergent nature of the conditions listed above and the threat to life, health, and safety.

Dated this 3rd day of January, 2022.

Scott Anderson, Mayor of the City of Stevenson