



CITY OF SUMAS

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EXECUTIVE ORDER 2025-01

Waiving Fees Related to Building Repairs and Construction Due to Flood Damage

WHEREAS, the City of Sumas has established certain fees for reviews and permits required for building and construction activity, including those set forth in or established through Chapter 3.30 (“Fee Schedule”) and Title 14 (“Buildings and Construction”) of the Sumas Municipal Code (“SMC”); and

WHEREAS, the Governor for the State of Washington issued an emergency proclamation on or about December 10, 2025, proclaiming a State of Emergency in Whatcom and other counties due to severe weather damage, including extensive flooding, constituting a disaster; and

WHEREAS, RCW 38.52.070(2), authorizes political subdivisions in which a disaster has occurred to enter into contracts and incur obligations necessary to combat such disasters, protect the health and safety of persons and property, and provide emergency assistance to the victims of disasters without regard to certain procedures and formalities prescribed by law; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 850, adopted on or about December 13, 2025, the City Council of the City of Sumas ratified the Mayor’s declaration of an emergency as a result of the severe flooding event that commenced on or about December 10, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Sumas authorized the expenditure of funds as required to meet the emergency; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sumas has adopted by Resolution No. 685 an emergency operations plan (“Sumas Emergency Operations Plan” or “SEOP”), empowering the Mayor “to make and issue orders which shall have the force of law on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property as affected by a disaster” subject to later confirmation by the City’s Emergency Services Council; and

WHEREAS, the flood event that began December 10, 2025, has threatened persons and property and has required extraordinary measures to protect public health; and

WHEREAS, due to the emergency declared above, the City of Sumas will suspend and waive fees for reviews and permits related to damage to structures from flooding and for conducting repairs due to flooding in order to reduce or prevent an immediate threat to public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the application or request must be received by the City of Sumas no later than January 31, 2026, in order for the fee waiver to apply;

NOW, THEREFORE, BY VIRTUE OF THE POWER VESTED IN ME BY THE SUMAS MUNICIPAL CODE AND PURSUANT TO THE RECITALS ABOVE, I HEREBY ORDER, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 15, 2025, THAT:

The City of Sumas will suspend and shall waive fees for reviews and permits related to damage to structures from flooding and for conducting repairs due to flooding, provided such reviews and permits are filed with the City between December 15, 2025, and January 31, 2026.

DATED THIS _____ DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025.

Bruce Bosch, Mayor, City of Sumas