



## DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY

To: Clackamas County and Washington County Emergency Managers

Cc: Oregon Department of Agriculture and Oregon Department of Forestry

From: Julie Fitzgerald, Mayor of City of Wilsonville, Oregon

At: 10:00 am (time) on October 5, 2023,

The Mediterranean Oak Borer (MOB) is a beetle native to Europe, western Asia, and northern Africa. Generally, it infests weakened or dying trees of a variety of oak and beech species that are already suffering from drought, other pests, or disease. In August 2023, several Wilsonville oak trees displayed symptoms of MOB infestation. Confirmation of the presence of MOB occurred in an Oregon white oak in the Frog Pond West neighborhood of Wilsonville and now has been confirmed in over 10 individual trees and groves throughout the Wilsonville community.

The City of Wilsonville is a Tree City USA city and has established a Heritage Tree Program that seeks to preserve and maintain native and planted trees, with particular emphasis on historically significant Oregon white oak trees. The presence of MOB represents a direct threat to Wilsonville's urban forest, its Oregon white oak trees, other oak trees, and potentially, other species of trees.

Upon confirmation of the MOB diagnosis, the City immediately began collaborating with Oregon Department of Agriculture, Oregon Department of Forestry, Metro and the City's consulting arborists. The state, which is still developing best practices to help local jurisdictions identify and mitigate MOB's presence, is providing assistance, as are consulting arborists at Bartlett Tree Experts and Morgan Holen & Associates, LLC.

In September 2023, arborists began injecting insecticides and fungicides into the trunks of publicly-owned large Oregon white oak trees, while City staff began reaching out to homeowners associations and land owners to discuss efforts to preserve trees located on private property.

While preservation of trees is the City's primary goal, some infected trees are dead and must be disposed of in a manner that prevents the further spread of MOB. Due to the significance, pervasiveness, immediate threat of spread, and highly specialized methods for treatment and disposal, the City of Wilsonville hereby declares a State of Emergency concerning treatment for and removal of the Mediterranean Oak Borer in the City of Wilsonville.

This State of Emergency Declaration provides the City Manager or designee with the latitude to coordinate an effective response by directing funding for emergency use as needed and suspending standard procurement procedures.

The City Manager of the City of Wilsonville may take any and all necessary steps authorized by law to coordinate the continued response to this emergency. The City Manager is further authorized to initiate any and all emergency requests for aid from Clackamas County, Washington County, the State of Oregon, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, if necessary.

This State of Emergency Declaration will expire at 5:00 pm on December 29, 2023, unless renewed, if necessary.

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Geographic boundaries of the emergency are:  
The City Limits of Wilsonville, Oregon 97070

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I DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT A STATE OF EMERGENCY NOW EXISTS IN THE CITY OF WILSONVILLE, OREGON AND THAT THE CITY HAS EXPENDED OR WILL EXPEND ITS NECESSARY AND AVAILABLE RESOURCES. I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST CLACKAMAS AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES PROVIDE ASSISTANCE, CONSIDER THE CITY AN "EMERGENCY AREA" AS PROVIDED IN OREGON REVISED STATUTES (ORS) CHAPTER 401, AND, AS APPROPRIATE, REQUEST SUPPORT FROM STATE AGENCIES AND/OR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

Signed:



Title:

Mayor Julie Fitzgerald, City of Wilsonville, Oregon

Date/Time:

10/5/2023 10:00 a.m.