RESOLUTION NO 569

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Woodland declaring a local emergency.

WHEREAS, the Cowlitz County Sheriff/Director of Emergency Management has reported to the City of Woodland that beginning January 6, 2009, unusual weather conditions consisting of heavy snowfall followed by persistent heavy rains and high temperatures have caused the threat of an emergency/disaster by creating the threat of flooding in parts of Cowlitz County; and

WHEREAS, expected flooding on the Lewis and Columbia Rivers would cause closure of some roads and possible evacuation, and may cause damage to city roads and bridges, private roads and bridges, home, businesses, and farmlands; and

WHEREAS, under the above referenced conditions, there is substantial likelihood of risk to persons, property and the environment unless further efforts are taken to reduce the threat; and

WHEREAS, the conditions stated above constitute an emergency/disaster for the areas of the City proximate to any or all of the rivers in the County, necessitating activation of the Cowlitz County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and the utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to RCW 36.40.180, 38.52.070(2), and 38.52.110(1);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Woodland:

Section 1. There is hereby declared an emergency, as defined in the Cowlitz County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP), due to the imminent threat of flooding in Cowlitz County.

Section 2. Pursuant to the emergency declared at Section 1, City departments and offices, as designated pursuant to the PLAN, are authorized to enter into contract and incur obligations necessary to combat such emergency to protect the health and safety of persons, property, and the environment, and provide emergency assistance to the victims of such emergency, consistent with the CEMP.

Section 3. The declaration of a local emergency set forth at Section 1 shall terminate by the issuance of a subsequent rescinding Resolution which shall follow when the City determines that the extraordinary measures detained herein are no longer required for the protection of the public peace, safety, and welfare.

APPROVED IN AN OPEN PUBLIC MEETING THIS 20th day of January 2009.

CITY OF WOODLAND, WA

Approved:

Charles E. Blum, Mayor

Attest:

Mari E. Ripp, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved as to form:

William J. Eling, City Attorney

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION

STATE OF CIVIL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Mayor has been advised by the Department of Emergency Management that there is the imminent threat of a natural disaster, to-wit a major flood event, that threatens to result in the death or injury of persons or the destruction of, or damage to, property; and

WHEREAS, WMC 2.04.020 authorizes the Mayor to declare a civil emergency under these conditions and necessitate the utilization of emergency powers granted under RCW 35A and 38.52.070; and

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the Mayor, extraordinary measures are required to protect the public peace, safety and welfare of the citizens; and

WHEREAS, all available resources should be committed to disaster work, and the severity of the disaster may be beyond the capability of local resources such that the City may be required to request supplemental assistance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHUCK BLUM, Mayor, of Woodland, Washington ("City"), do hereby proclaim the following:

1. A civil emergency exists within the City due to the imminent threat of a major flood event; and

2. That I have been in contact with the Fire Chief for the City, Tony Brentin, and he concurs with such proclamation; and

3. That the City Council of the City shall be convened on January 20, 2009, to request their ratification of this Proclamation and all orders of the civil emergency.

Dated this 6th day of January, 2009.

Chuck Blum, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mari E. Ripp, Clerk-Treasurer

Delegation of Authority
City of Woodland, Cowlitz County, Washington
January 2009 Rain Storm

Effective 0800, January 7, 2009, I, the undersigned Mayor for the City of Woodland, Cowlitz County, Washington, ("City") pursuant to the authority and responsibility for emergency powers as provided in RCW Chapter 38.52, and municipal code, have delegated authority to manage the safety, response and stabilization of the issues resulting from the predicted severe weather occurring in the City, to Incident Commander Dave LaFave and his Incident Management Team (IMT).

The considerations for management of this event are:

1. Provide for the Safety of Responders and the Public related to response to the predicted weather event.

2. All necessary resources are available to the IMT for the accomplishment of incident objectives.

3. Manage and track all extraordinary costs associated with the event while considering cost containment. Coordinate cost expenditures taking into consideration the impacts to involved agencies.

4. Provide thresholds and trigger points that allow each involved agency to function as close to normal as possible and to minimize disruption to normal activities.

5. Provide coordination with Cooperating and Assisting Agencies related to the predicted weather event.

6. Provide an effective and proactive public relations and information strategy related to the predicted weather event.

7. Identify critical infrastructure and develop specific Branch Planning as needed to protect infrastructure and minimize impacts to Life Safety and property.

8. Provide emergency response to incidents related to this event.

The Incident Commander shall have authority to incur expenses in connection with the performance of functions under this delegation up to the sum of $100,000.00, as authorized by the action of the Cowlitz County Commissioners, with allocation of any such expenses to be made consistent with the provisions of the Interlocal Emergency Management Agreement by and between Cowlitz County and the other incorporated cities of Cowlitz County.

This Delegation of Authority is subject to ratification and confirmation by the City Council.

DATED this 7th day of January, 2009.

Charles E. Blum, Mayor
City of Woodland