

RESOLUTION 1869

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORTH BEND, WASHINGTON, RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING FEBRUARY 12, 2019 PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2019, Governor Jay Inslee declared a statewide state of emergency in preparation for a winter storm that was predicted to produce extensive snowfall and ice causing hazardous driving conditions and extended road closures on both mountain passes and other roadways, (Proclamation 19-02, Exhibit A to this resolution); and

WHEREAS, Mark Rigos, the Director of Emergency Services for the City of North Bend, reported to the Office of the Mayor that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the City of North Bend as a result of severe winter storms consisting of persistent heavy snow and ice commencing on or about February 3, 2019 and continuing thereafter, which conditions posed an immediate threat to the public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, unusual weather is predicted to continue, including a change to above freezing temperatures with heavy rain causing the extreme threat of flooding which presents an additional threat to persons and property in the City of North Bend and the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, the severe weather conditions constitute an emergency as defined by the North Bend Emergency Management Plan and necessitated the utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to North Bend Municipal Code Chapter 2.68, RCW 38.52.070(2) and RCW 39.04.280; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to North Bend Municipal Code Chapter 2.68 and the City's approved Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, Mayor Pro Tem Trevor Kostanich, acting on behalf of the Mayor of the City of North Bend, proclaimed on February 12, 2019 that an emergency exists in North Bend and authorized the City of North Bend departments, in light of the extreme emergency situation, to do the following without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law (excepting mandatory constitutional requirements), (Exhibit B to this resolution):

1. Enter into contracts and incur obligations to combat such emergency situations to protect the health and safety of persons and property; and
2. Provide appropriate emergency assistance to the victims of such disaster; and
3. Other emergency services and actions, as appropriate.

WHEREAS, the February 12, 2019 emergency proclamation was officially entered of record with the City Clerk on or before February 19, 2019; and

WHEREAS, due to the heavy snow and ice conditions, City Hall closed from February 12 through February 14, 2019, with only essential City Staff reporting for duty and working solely on snow removal efforts and other critical functions; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the City Hall closure from February 12 through February 19, 2019 and the disruption to the day-to-day operations of the City, the regularly scheduled City Council meeting scheduled for February 19, 2019 was cancelled; and

WHEREAS, the City Council does hereby find that the above described conditions of extreme peril did warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency in the City of North Bend and surrounding communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH BEND, WASHINGTON, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The North Bend City Council hereby ratifies and confirms the Proclamation of Local Emergency, as issued by the Mayor Pro Tem on February 12, 2019.

Section 2. As provided by RCW 38.52.070(2), the Mayor and City Department Directors are authorized to enter into contracts and incur obligations necessary to provide emergency responses to the winter storms without regard to time consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law, excepting mandatory constitutional rights, which includes without limitation existing budget limitations, competitive bidding requirements, rental, purchase, contracting, and expenditure policies.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH BEND, WASHINGTON, AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF, THIS 5TH DAY OF MARCH, 2019.

CITY OF NORTH BEND:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kenneth G. Hearing, Mayor

Eileen Keiffer, City Attorney

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Effective: March 5, 2019
Posted: March 6, 2019

Susie Oppedal, City Clerk