

CITY OF HOQUIAM

EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, beginning on January 3, 2022 and continuing through today, January 7, 2022, the City of Hoquiam and Grays Harbor County has experienced record rainfall, high winds, and substantial snow melt, leading to power outages, severe flooding of streets and property and damage to property; and

WHEREAS, the conditions stated above constitute an emergency/disaster for the City, necessitating activation of the Grays Harbor County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and the utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to RCW 38.52.070(2), and RCW 38.52.110(1),

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED BY the Mayor of Hoquiam, Grays Harbor County, Washington as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby declared an emergency, as defined in the Grays Harbor County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (PLAN), due to damage caused by the weather conditions above-mentioned and potential damage that will be caused if emergency actions are not taken by the City


Section 2. Pursuant to the emergency declared at Section 1 the City shall have the emergency powers as set forth in RCW 38.52.070(2):

In carrying out the provisions of this chapter each political subdivision, in which any disaster as described in RCW 38.52.020 occurs, shall have the power to enter into contracts and incur obligations necessary to combat such disaster, protecting the health and safety of persons and property, and providing emergency assistance to the victims of such disaster. Each political subdivision is authorized to exercise the powers vested under this section in the light of the exigencies of an extreme emergency situation without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law (excepting mandatory constitutional requirements), including, but not limited to, budget law limitations, requirements of competitive bidding and publication of notices, provisions pertaining to the performance of public work, entering into contracts, the incurring of obligations, the employment of temporary workers, the rental of equipment, the purchase of supplies and materials, the levying of taxes, and the appropriation and expenditures of public funds.

Section 3. Pursuant to the emergency declared at Section 1, all City departments are authorized to assign personnel, modify employee work schedules and to close City Buildings and parks to the Public, if necessary..

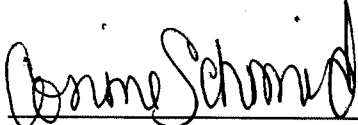
Section 4. The declaration of a local emergency set forth at Section 1 shall terminate at midnight following the 24th day of January, 2022, unless extended or terminated earlier by the Mayor of Hoquiam.

Signed this 7th Day of January, 2022



BEN WINKELMAN – Mayor of Hoquiam

ATTEST



CORRINE SCHMID – Finance Director