

**CITY OF WEST RICHLAND
RESOLUTION NO. 9-19**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON,
RATIFYING AND AFFIRMING THE MAYOR'S DECLARATION OF A STATE
OF EMERGENCY WITHIN THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND DUE TO SEVERE
AND LIFE-THREATENING WEATHER**

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Washington declared a state of emergency due to extreme weather and life-threatening conditions as a result of a severe winter storm; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the severe winter storm, blizzard potential causing severe snow drifts several feet high blocking city streets in several parts of the City of West Richland, with more severe weather forecast, the Mayor declared a state of emergency on February 10, 2019, attached hereto and incorporated herein, in accordance with State statute in order to allow necessary contracting and expenditures as may become necessary to address the emergency conditions; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the City of West Richland to ratify the Mayor's declaration and to authorize the state of emergency to continue for the next two weeks unless rescinded sooner or extended by the Council and/or the Mayor, now, therefore,


NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of West Richland, Washington does hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of West Richland ratifies the Mayoral declaration of emergency issued on February 10, 2019.


Section 2. The Mayor is authorized to request any state or federal assistance needed to meet the demands of the emergency that exists, as the City may be in need of economic assistance from available state and federal sources for expenses associated with the response to the severe weather conditions and damages associated therewith.

Section 3. This declaration of emergency shall be in effect for two weeks after the date of ratification below unless rescinded sooner or extended by the City Council and/or Mayor.

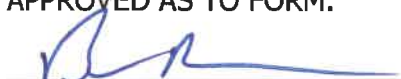
PASSED by the City Council of the City of West Richland, Washington, this 19th day of February, 2019.


Brent Gerry, Mayor

ATTEST:


Julie Richardson, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Bronson Brown, City Attorney

BEFORE THE MAYOR
FOR THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND
STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF DECLARATION)
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SEVERE WEATHER/BLOWING SNOW)
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EMERGENCY

EMERGENCY DECLARATION
No. 19-01

WHEREAS, The City of West Richland has been notified of an emergency event impacting the City of West Richland; and

WHEREAS, The City has been hit with several inches of snow combined with high winds. These conditions have created snow drifts several feet high that have made some of the streets difficult to clear with City resources. Furthermore, it is forecast over the next 48 hours that the City may get with several more inches of snow and wind. These conditions create the need to take emergency protective actions to protect the property, health and welfare of the citizens of West Richland; and

WHEREAS, The emergency event requires the use of the statutory emergency powers granted pursuant to 38.52.070;

NOW THEREFORE, It is hereby declared:

- 1) That the heavy snow fall combined with high winds have created snow drifts throughout the City several feet high. These conditions have made some streets impassible. Furthermore, over the next 48 hours it is forecasted that the City may receive another round of heavy snow fall that will impact neighboring residents and citizens of West Richland and may cause areas of the City to be impassible without the help of outside resources.
- 2) That all departments and offices of the City of West Richland are authorized to enter into contracts and obligations necessary to respond to the declared emergency to protect the health, welfare and property of the citizens of the City of West Richland and to provide the citizens with emergency assistance.
- 3) That because of the snowfall and high winds and impending snowfall emergency, all departments and offices of the City of West Richland are authorized to use emergency purchasing procedures without regard to time, consuming procedures, and formalities required by law for non-emergency purchases of goods and services, except those mandated by constitutional requirements.
- 4) A copy of the declaration shall be as effective as an original.

DATED THIS 8 DAY OF February 2019.

FOR CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, BENTON COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brent Gerry", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with a large initial "B" and a long, sweeping tail.

Mayor, Brent Gerry