

**CITY OF WEST RICHLAND
RESOLUTION NO. 24-20**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON,
WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS UNDER RCW
39.04.280(2)(B), WRITTEN FINDING OF EXISTENCE OF AN
EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, RCW 39.04.280(2)(b), allows for the waiving of competitive bidding requirements based on written findings of the existence of an emergency; and

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at approximately 9:40am, the City's Public Works Department was notified of a water main break/leak at the 6000 block of Deer Street in the Brotherhood residential neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, employees from the City's Public Works Water Division arrived on scene within 10 minutes and located water bubbling out of Deer Street and onto private property threatening to flood residential homes and structures; and

WHEREAS, the potable water mains in the Brotherhood residential neighborhood were turned off to prevent further damage to the roadway and potential damage to private property; and

WHEREAS, approximately 100 homes within the Brotherhood residential neighborhood would be without potable drinking water and fire suppression via fire hydrants until repairs to the broken water main were repaired; and

WHEREAS, the City's Public Works Water Division's employees were still responding to the Well #9 smelly water incident over the weekend, completing emergency repairs to Well #2, taking required Department of Health water quality tests, repairing and irrigation pump, were responding to a separate possible water main break on Bing Street and did not have employees readily available to make the necessary repairs to the Deer Street water main; and

WHEREAS, an emergency situation was declared to exist by the Public Works Director due to potable water not being available for domestic use and or fire suppression at the Brotherhood residential neighborhood if immediate action to repair the broken water main on Deer Street was not taken; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED, that an emergency is hereby declared for the purpose of making all necessary repairs to the water main on Deer Street; and

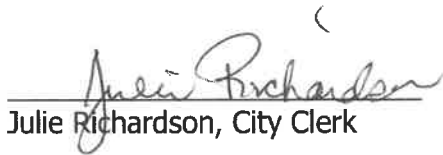
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that competitive bidding requirements under RCW 39.04.280(2)(b) are hereby waived due to the existence of an emergency and the Public Works Director is authorized to make all repairs necessary to the water main on Deer Street.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND,
WASHINGTON, this 2nd day of June, 2020.**



Brent Gerry, Mayor

ATTEST:


Julie Richardson, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


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