

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2020-48**

### **A RESOLUTION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY RELATING TO WILDFIRE RESPONSE AND RECOVERY**

**Whereas**, on September 8, 2020, the Marion County Board of Commissioners declared a state of emergency in Marion County due to multiple wildfires throughout the Santiam canyon area and other areas within Marion County;

**Whereas**, the wildfires caused extensive damage to the environment and property damage throughout the Santiam canyon area;

**Whereas**, resources from the State of Oregon and United States have responded to the impacted communities to assist in the clean up and removal of material recovered from the wildfires;

**Whereas**, the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency have requested that Salem host a temporary site for staging of materials recovered from the affected communities;

**Whereas**, the staging would include the temporary delivery, staging, sorting, preparing, and transportation for final disposal of hazardous and non-hazardous materials recovered from the wildfires (“Staging”);

**Whereas**, potential locations for the Staging activity may not have zoning that is appropriate for the use;

**Whereas**, Staging would be conducted pursuant to all state and federal laws and rules relating to this activity;

**Whereas**, ensuring the safe removal and disposal of material recovered from the affected communities benefits the city of Salem by assisting in the protection of the Salem community’s drinking water;

**Whereas**, in order to assist our neighbors during their time in need, and to help protect the Salem community’s drinking water, hosting a temporary Staging location for this activity is in the best interests of the City of Salem.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, OREGON, RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** A state of emergency is declared within the city of Salem related to the Santiam canyon wildfires, pursuant to Salem Revised Code (SRC) 2.660-2.680.

**Section 2.** The emergency or threatened conditions are:

- a) Existence of hazardous and non-hazardous material as a result of the Santiam canyon wildfires that may contaminate water sources and present a threat to human health and safety.
- b) Environmental damage to the affected communities within Marion County, and
- c) Potential for damage to the City's water treatment facility located within the Santiam canyon and negative impacts on the Salem community's drinking water.

**Section 3.** The damage or potential damage is:

- a) Environmental damage to the affected communities within Marion County, and
- b) Potential for damage to the City's water treatment facility located within the Santiam canyon and negative impacts on the Salem community's drinking water.

**Section 4.** The location or geographic area affected is: Marion County.

**Section 5.** The actions initiated by the City are:

- a) Applicable sections of the City's Unified Development Code, including use restrictions, standards, and requirements for land use approval or land use permits, are hereby waived and not required or applicable for the Staging use conducted by the State of Oregon, the United States, or their officers, employees, agents or contractors.
- b) The City's building code, and applicable state and federal law continue to apply.

**Section 6.** The City Manager, acting as the City's Emergency Program Manager, is authorized to issue orders and take other necessary steps to implement this Declaration, including emergency procurement of goods and services, execution of agreements and other measures necessary for the protection of life, property, and the economy.

**Section 8.** This declaration shall terminate, unless expressly extended by the Salem City Council, on **January 25, 2021**.

**Section 9.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the City Council this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

ATTEST:

City Recorder

Approved by City Attorney: \_\_\_\_\_