RESOLUTION NO. 21-17

A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION IN THE CITY OF OREGON CITY DUE TO WINTER STORM

WHEREAS, a severe weather event occurred in the City of Oregon City on Friday and Saturday February 12-13, 2021, consisting of a major winter storm that brought significant snow and icefall to the City; and

WHEREAS, the severe weather event resulted in significant and widespread disruptions and threats of injuries to persons and property, human suffering, and financial loss to life and property; and

WHEREAS, the severe weather event resulted in the loss of power for residents and businesses in the City, including the loss of power at the South Fork Water Board, including pumps and other equipment; and

WHEREAS, the severe weather event has had other impacts, including downed trees and disruptions to traffic and other public services; and

WHEREAS, the City has adopted authority governing the exercise of emergency powers in Chapter 2.52 of the Oregon City Municipal Code (OCMC) pursuant to the authority granted by the City Charter and ORS Chapter 401; and

WHEREAS, the foregoing circumstances require a coordinated response beyond that which occurs routinely, and the required response cannot be achieved solely without the added resources acquired through mutual aid or cooperative assistance agreements; and

WHEREAS, the City is taking steps to help mitigate issues with the recovery from the damage caused by the storm; and

WHEREAS, the foregoing circumstance has affected all of the territory within the City limits; and

WHEREAS, Commission President, Rocky Smith, declared a state of emergency in Oregon City at 4:39 PM on Sunday, February 14, 2021 and the foregoing circumstance require the declaration to be extended by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 21-12, declaring an emergency for the City with an end date of March 18, 2021, but it appears that the situation leading to the declaration of an emergency will extend for a longer period of time.

NOW, THEREFORE, OREGON CITY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The emergency declared by the City Commission of Oregon City on February 16, 2021, with an expected end date of March 18, 2021, is hereby extended for an additional month, until April 22, 2021, in order to allow the City to adequately address the situations caused by the February Winter Storm of 2021.

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Section 2. The emergency declaration issued by the City Commission of Oregon City on February 16, 2021, Resolution No. 21-12, is otherwise unchanged and remains in full force and effect through the end of the extended emergency period.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Commission and remain in effect until April 22, 2021 unless superseded sooner.

Approved and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Commission held on the 17th day of March 2021.

ROCKY SMITH, Commission President

Attested to this 17th day of March 2021:

Approved as to legal sufficiency:

Kattie Riggs, City Becorder

City Attorney