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Duvall Mayor Ockerlander Declares State of Emergency

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DUVALL, Wash., – City of Duvall Mayor Amy Ockerlander has declared a state of emergency, preemptively, as the City prepares to be hit with its second significant winter storm in five days. The declaration became effective at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, February 8.

The National Weather Service is predicting between 4-8 inches of snow in the Duvall area beginning this afternoon, with amounts falling at a rate of up to 2-inches per hour from Friday afternoon through Saturday morning.

High winds are also anticipated over the weekend, before another stormfront currently predicted to bring a third round of snow moves in.

The previous storm dumped 6 inches of snow and quickly turned to ice creating hazardous driving conditions and closure of the Riverview School District Monday through Wednesday.

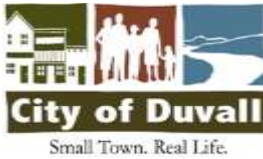
Declaring an emergency ahead of the impact is a necessary step to mobilize resources and provide a more effective response.

Duvall police officers and Public Works crews have been preparing for the past few days and will be stationed in town and working through the weekend to address road conditions and emergencies.

“As residents in a hilly community near the Cascade foothills we often receive more snow, colder temperatures and longer time frames before snow and ice melt. The storms coming our way have the potential to create hazardous conditions and power outages. For those that haven’t prepared, I encourage you to gas up your vehicles, prepare your generators and make sure you have at least three-days of supplies at home, said Amy Ockerlander, Duvall Mayor.

“The safety of our staff and residents is a top priority. We ask that if the snow hits, please don’t drive unless its absolutely necessary and provide our crews the space to clear our roads.”

The Public Works department has been busy this week ordering in extra sand and deicing materials for these storms.



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The City Public works crews will be working throughout the weekend to clear roads with its two existing trucks.

Police Chief Carey Hert requests that the public “stay home if you can and don’t drive if it’s not absolutely necessary. Cars that are abandoned on roads created hazardous conditions for drivers, our crews and our officers, as well as increase the amount of time it takes to safely reopen roads after a safety closure.”

The City encourages Snoqualmie Valley residents to monitor the City and Duvall Police Department Facebook pages or Twitter feed for updates.

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LOCAL DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF DUVALL

WHEREAS the City of Duvall received significant snowfall on Sunday, February 3, and Monday, February 4, as documented by the Seattle Forecasting Office of the National Weather Service, that affected residents, businesses and schools throughout the city and which has utilized a significant amount of limited City resources in the form of emergency response, road plowing, sanding and various deicing treatments; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service forecast is estimating a strong likelihood of significant additional snowfall accumulation, potential high winds, below freezing temperatures and icy roads over the next several days that will significantly impact the City and our partners' ability to respond to emergencies and provide shelter to affected residents who experience power outages in temperatures below freezing; and

WHEREAS, the dangerous conditions stemming from the previous storm in conjunction with the extreme weather predicted over the next several days creates a set of circumstances that constitute an emergency and the utilization of emergency powers granted in chapter 38.52 RCW; and

WHEREAS, the City of Duvall desires to take reasonable measures to ensure the safety of our residents; and

WHEREAS, a declaration of emergency is needed to allow the City to spend public funds to take these measures; and

WHEREAS, a declaration of emergency is needed to temporarily waive requirements of competitive bidding, public notice and other administrative requirements in order to expedite the City's response to the effects of the consecutive bouts of extreme weather.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DUVALL, WASHINGTON DOES DECLARE AS FOLLOW:

Section 1. There is hereby declared a state of emergency within the city limits of the City of Duvall pursuant to RCW 38.52.020 (1)(b) as a result of the aforementioned conditions, causing widespread areas with dangerous road conditions, the potential for power outages occurring during freezing conditions and impacts to emergency response including delayed response that affect City operations and public safety.

Section 2. This declaration shall be presented to the City Council at the earliest convenience of the Council for approval and ratification.

Dated this 8th day of February 2019.



Mayor Amy Ockerlander

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:



Jodi Wycoff, City Clerk