

RESOLUTION NO. 02-2022

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF CHEHALIS, WASHINGTON,
DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, the City of Chehalis has experienced unusual weather conditions starting in late December 2021 consisting of heavy snowfall followed by persistent heavy rains and high temperatures beginning January 5, 2022 and continuing to January 9, 2022, causing an emergency/disaster by causing flooding in parts of City of Chehalis; and

WHEREAS, flooding on the Chehalis and Newaukum Rivers caused closure of some roads and need for evacuations, and caused damage to city roads and bridges, private roads and bridges, homes, businesses, and farmlands: and

WHEREAS, the conditions stated above constitute an emergency/disaster for the areas of the City proximate to any or all of the rivers in the County, necessitating activation of the Lewis County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (as adopted by the Council via resolutions number 2-2011 and 16-2012) and the utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to RCW 36.40.180, 38.52.070(2), and 38.52.110(1);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Chehalis declares a local emergency in the City of Chehalis due to flooding.

Section 1. There is hereby declared an emergency, as defined in the Lewis County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, due to flooding in the City of Chehalis.

Section 2. Pursuant to the emergency declared at Section 1, City departments (with approval of the City Manager), as designated pursuant to the PLAN, are authorized to enter into contract and incur obligations necessary to combat such emergency to protect the health and safety of person, property, and the environment, and provide emergency assistance to the victims of such emergency, consistent with the Comprehensive Emergency Plan.

Section 3. The declaration of a local emergency set forth at Section 1 shall terminate by the issuance of the subsequent rescinding Resolution which shall follow when the City determines that the extraordinary measures detained herein are no longer required for the protection of the public peace, safety, and welfare.

Section 4. Unless this emergency declaration is rescinded or extended by action of the City Council, it will end on March 31, 2022.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the city of Chehalis, Washington, and **APPROVED** by its Mayor, at a regularly scheduled open public meeting thereof this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form and content:

City Attorney