

City of Woodinville

Proclamation of Emergency for 2007 January Snow Storm/Sander Purchase

And

Finding of Emergency

Proclamation Declaring an Emergency

WHEREAS, the City Manager and Public Works Director have reported to the Mayor of the City of Woodinville, in the State of Washington, that severe snow and icing weather conditions that began on 27th November 2006, 14th December 2006, and on 10th January 2007 have created an unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of the City to perform snow and ice services; and

WHEREAS, this winter has had a higher than normal freezing temperature events lasting longer than normal in duration; and

WHEREAS, these storms have resulted in a high hours of usage on the City's only road sanding unit; and

WHEREAS, the sanding unit is over 15 years old; and

WHEREAS, the sanding unit has failed to operate several times during all of the storm events and has required extensive repairs; and

WHEREAS, the unit has become irreparably inoperable and complete failure is imminent; and

WHEREAS, this is a critical piece of equipment to perform necessary essential snow and ice service functions; and

WHEREAS, failure to place sand on the road in an icing event could result in bodily injury, damage to property, or loss of life if immediate action is not taken; and

WHEREAS, icing conditions are likely to occur again this winter and the City does not have sufficient time to go through a formal purchasing process to replace this piece of equipment; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to purchase a unit to be operational within 15 working days; and

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the undersigned, extraordinary measures are required to ensure that protection to the public peace, safety, and welfare is maintained in snow and icing conditions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor of Woodinville, Washington, do hereby proclaim a emergency exists within the City of Woodinville and authorize the City Manager to purchase a sanding unit to protect and provide storm event sanding operations in snow and icing conditions.

Date this 16th day of January 2007.


Cathy VonWald
Mayor