

RESOLUTION 2025 - 16

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF SUNNYSIDE, WASHINGTON, DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY
FOR REHABILITATION OF WELL 7**

WHEREAS, the City of Sunnyside relies upon municipal wells as its only source of water supply; and

WHEREAS, based on water consumption data for 2024 at the season peak, the City had no contingency in its water system. The pumping ability of all online water wells was equal to the water consumption amount; and

WHEREAS, Well 7 is currently offline requiring rehabilitation and when in operation provides an addition 1,100 gallons per minute of water availability; and

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2024 the Washington State Department of Ecology declared a drought emergency for the Yakima Basin to remain in effect until April 2025; and

WHEREAS, based on recently released data from the Washington State Department of Ecology, the drought is expected to continue through 2025; and

WHEREAS, without the rehabilitation of Well 7 there will be no contingency in the water system to account for an emergency or drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, not making improvements to Well 7 will present an immediate threat for the City of Sunnyside community; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with RCW 39.04.280(1)e the governing body of a municipality may waive the competitive bidding requirement for a public works project in the event of an emergency; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with RCW 39.04.280(3) defines “emergency” as unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of the municipality that either: (a) Present a real, immediate threat to the proper performance of essential function; or (b) will likely result in material loss or damage of property, bodily injury, or loss of life if immediate action is not taken; and provides that the governing body of a municipality may waive the competitive bidding requirement for a public works project in the event of an emergency; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that due to the timing and critical function and the need for immediate repair, insufficient time may not exist to complete the project through the standard competitive bidding process in time for peak water consumption and must therefore declare the situation an emergency; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUNNYSIDE, WASHINGTON, as follows:

SECTION 1. The City Council recognizes an emergency exists with the failure of Well 7 to produce drinkable water, and authorizes the Mayor and City Manager to waive the competitive bidding process and award necessary contracts on behalf of the City to undertake the repair or failed equipment and components and to keep the Council apprised of the progress of the situation.

SECTION 2. The City Council recognizes an emergency exists and authorizes the City Manager to pursue all funding options available and to keep the Council apprised of the progress.

SECTION 3. This Declaration of Emergency will expire automatically when Well 7 is online and all repairs aforementioned are completed.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall be effective upon passage, approval and signatures hereon in accordance with law.

PASSED this 10th day of March 2025.


DEAN BROERSMA, MAYOR

ATTEST:


JACQUELINE RENTERIA, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


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