

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-014

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BINGEN DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO FAILURE OF THE 2" CITY WATERLINE ALONG STEUBEN STREET EAST OF OAK STREET

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2023, the City of Bingen was notified of a seven to ten active waterline leaks on the City's two-inch waterline along State Highway 14 east of Oak Street; and,

WHEREAS, there was a leak repaired on August 15th that resulted in an estimated water loss of 144,000 gallons; and,

WHEREAS, there was a leak repaired on August 23 that resulted in an estimated water loss of 172,800 gallons; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Bingen has been notified by the Washington State Department of Ecology that the City's Distribution System Loss of more than 30% is one of the highest in the state; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Bingen does not have the funds necessary to replace this line; and,

WHEREAS, the waterline needs to be repaired without delay; and,

WHEREAS, there are emergency loan funds available through the Public Works Board; and,

WHEREAS, there is an emergency present, which necessitates the utilization of emergency powers granted to the City;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BINGEN,
WASHINGTON DO RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. There is hereby declared an emergency as defined by RCW 39.04.280(3) due to the unforeseen nature of the condition and the immediate risk to damage property and endanger health.

Section 2. Pursuant to the emergency declared in Section 1, the City Administrator is authorized to apply for funding via the Public Works Board Emergency Construction allocation to replace the two-inch waterline.

Section 3. The declaration of the local emergency set forth in Section 1 shall terminate when in the Mayor's judgment the emergency measures contained herein are no longer required to safeguard property and public health.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Bingen, Washington, and APPROVED by its Mayor, at a regularly scheduled open public meeting thereof this 5th day of September, 2023.



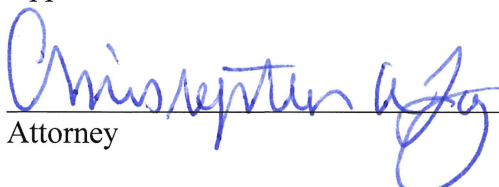
Mayor

Attest:



City Clerk – Treasurer

Approved as to Form:



Attorney