

**CITY OF SUMNER
PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY PURSUANT TO RCW 39.04.280
RELATED TO EMERGENCY REPAIR OF A COLLAPSED STORM MAIN AT
THE LOCATION OF 142ND AND 24TH ST.**

Whereas, RCW 39.04.280 provides that the City, by resolution, may waive competitive bidding requirements for public works in the event of an emergency. For purposes of RCW 39.04.280, an "emergency" is any unforeseen circumstance beyond the control of the municipality that either (a) presents a real, immediate threat to the proper performance of essential functions; or (b) will likely result in material loss or damage to property, bodily injury, or loss of life if immediate action is not taken; and

Whereas, on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, the City discovered that approximately 15 feet of a 48" diameter storm main collapsed, causing threat of additional collapse to what is now believed to be approximately 300 feet of the line and causing a sink hole to form in a location near 142nd and 24th street, which is the main trunk line servicing some of the City's largest manufacturing and industrial warehouses and occurring in a road location that bears heavy truck traffic; and

Whereas, in December 2025 the City experienced an unprecedented 100-year flood event, leading to a declared emergency at the state and local levels, which flood event caused excessive and catastrophic stress on this aging storm main, ultimately exacerbating the risk of this damage and leading to the accelerated collapse of the line.

Whereas, the failed storm main is also nearby and lower than Puget Sound Energy's 16-inch high-pressure gas main, rendering the immediate repair of this damage even more critical to avoid material loss or damage to not only City property, but to that of PSE and its customers; and

Whereas, the failed storm trunk line drains a large portion of the City's Manufacturing and Industrial Center, and the collapsed portion of pipe is about 500 linear feet from the outfall to the White River, possibly jeopardizing water that enters the White River and leading to flooding on adjacent private property due to a lack of stormwater conveyance; and

Whereas, a portion of this main thoroughfare is currently closed and the City has taking measures to bypass pump the stormwater in the location of this line, and will resume if moderate to heavy rainfall is experienced or if necessary to protect and preserve adjacent storm infrastructure; and

Whereas, repair of the 48" diameter storm main and all adjacent damage to the City's storm infrastructure constitutes a "public work" as defined by RCW 39.04.010(4); and

Whereas, an emergency repair is needed to quickly restore the storm main, mitigate damage, avoid private property damage, preserve clean water entering the White River,

re-open this major corridor and get this storm main back in service promptly without damaging the PSE high pressure gas main; and

Whereas, City code and state law require that the Sumner City Council ratify and confirm, as early as practicable, any declaration of emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SUMNER that a public works emergency exists in the City of Sumner; therefore, the City of Sumner is authorized to take emergency actions including waiver of competitive bidding requirements for the repair of the collapsed storm main causing a sinkhole and posing a risk to the public health and essential services, including the risk of material loss or damage to property if not repaired expeditiously. The Mayor and/or the City Administrator for the City of Sumner is authorized to exercise the powers vested under this proclamation in the light of the urgent requirements of an emergency situation without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law (excepting mandatory constitutional requirements).

Dated this 27th day of February, 2026.

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