

Before the Board of County Commissioners of Cowlitz County, Washington

In the Matter of Declaring a Local Emergency }
Regarding Wildfire in Cowlitz County }

Res. No. 19-027

WHEREAS, the Cowlitz County Department of Emergency Management has reported to the Board of County Commissioners, beginning March 20, 2019, about 30-40 acres are burning in a wildfire along Maple Hill Road in the Rose Valley area; and

WHEREAS, homes along Walker Road and other side streets were evacuated Wednesday, March 20, 2019; and

WHEREAS, an emergency burn ban with restrictions on outdoor burning was issued Wednesday, March 20, 2019; and

WHEREAS, persons and property are and will be damaged unless further efforts are taken to reduce the threat to life and property; and

WHEREAS, there is an emergency present which necessitates activation of the Cowlitz County Comprehensive Emergency Plan and utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to RCW 38.52 and County Ordinance No. 87-002; and

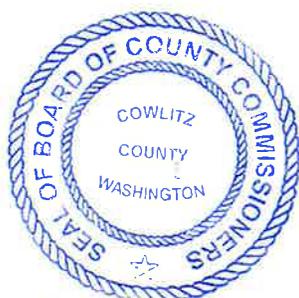
WHEREAS, the urgency of this emergency requires suspension of meeting and notice requirements under RCW 42.30.070, and the Board has been called upon by the Chairman to meet on this Declaration in the Commissioners conference room at 11:45 a.m. on this date;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Cowlitz County Commissioners that an emergency exists pursuant to RCW 36.32.270; and

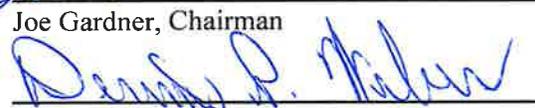
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each designated department is authorized to enter into contracts and incur obligations necessary to combat such emergency to protect the health and safety of persons and property and provide emergency assistance to the victims of such disaster, and to exercise all powers vested in them under the constitution and laws of the state of Washington.

DATED: this 21st day of March, 2019.

**Board of County Commissioners
of Cowlitz County, Washington**




Joe Gardner, Chairman


Dennis P. Weber, Commissioner


Arne Mortensen, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Tiffany Ostheim, Clerk of the Board