

## **Thurston County Fire Protection District 8**

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## THURSTON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 8 RESOLUTION NO. 24-01

## RESOLUTION DECLARING EMERGENCY

**Background:** RCW 39.04.280 provides for the waiver of competitive bidding requirements under enumerated conditions including (1)(c) and (e) purchases and public works in the event of an emergency.

District staff has identified the following significant infrastructure failure:

On January 15<sup>th</sup> 2024, a cold-water pipe above the ceiling in the District Secretary's office (in the administrative wing of the headquarters firestation) burst and caused extensive water damage to the wall, ceiling, flooring, furniture, equipment and files. The cause of the pipe failure was due to thawing of a partially frozen lead to an exterior garden spigot. Many critical business files and electronic storage media were damaged in the office, as well as damage to two adjacent offices and a hallway in the administrative wing.

Due to the nature of water intrusion into the structural portions of the building, immediate salvage efforts to remove furnishings, wallboard, flooring and repairs to the water system were undertaken on January 15<sup>th</sup> and subsequent days. In order to properly determine the extent of damage, much of the wall-space and flooring must be removed and ultimately repaired/replaced.

The above infrastructure is a critical element of the District's ability to provide fire protection and emergency medical services and its failure is creating an immediate and unforeseen threat to the health, safety, life and property.

**Resolution:** NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Thurston County Fire Protection District No. 8 hereby declares that emergency repairs are required for the repair of the above described infrastructure failure, waives the competitive bidding requirements, ratifies all prior actions of staff to address the infrastructure failure, and authorizes and directs the Fire Chief to undertake all necessary actions, including execution of a construction contract and purchase of necessary materials, equipment and supplies to expedite the repair or replacement of the failed infrastructure.

**Adoption:** ADOPTED at an open public meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Thurston County Fire Protection District 8 on February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 the following Commissioners being present and voting:

Douglas Kilpatrick as Chairman of the Board for

Thurston County Fire Prot Dist 8

Daniel Bivens as Commissioner for Thurston County Fire Prot Dist 8

Gloria Zvirzdys as Commissioner for Thurston County Fire Prot Dist 8 Pamela Long, as for Commissioner for Thurston County Fire Prot Dist 8

Jake Hunter, as Commissioner for Thurston County Fire Prot Dist 8

Heidi Stumpf, as District Secretary for Thurston County Fire Prot Dist 8