

**CITY OF UNION GAP
EXECUTVE ORDER PROCLAIMING AN EMERGENCY**

IN THE MATTER OF THE DECLARATION OF A LANDSLIDE EMERGENCY	} } }	EMERGENCY DECLARATION
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WHEREAS, the City of Union Gap, its City Council Members, City Manager and its Directors, have been notified by the Yakima Valley Office of Emergency Management of a large landslide south of the City of Union Gap, in Yakima County; and,

WHEREAS, the size and complexity of the incident, both presently and potentially, could exceed the emergency response capabilities within the City; and,

WHEREAS, there is an emergency present that necessitates the activation of the Yakima County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, and use of statutory emergency powers granted pursuant to RCW 38.52.070, to protect life and property of the citizens of City of Union Gap, Yakima County, and to support the ongoing emergency response efforts, implement security measures, and mitigate threat to life, potential property damage; and,

WHEREAS, Consistent with the general police powers vested in the City of Union Gap and its City Manager through applicable law, including without limitation Chapter 38.52. RCW and RCW 38.522.010, allows the City of Union Gap to issue an Executive Order Proclaiming an Emergency in the City of Union Gap, Yakima County, now therefore;

IT IS HEREBY DECLARED AND ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1

As provided by RCW 38.52.070(2) The City of Union Gap’s City Manager, Department Directors and designated staff are authorized to:

- A) Enter into contracts and incur obligations necessary to combat such an emergency.
- B) Direct that work be undertaken to protect persons and property.
- C) Direct or approve necessary repair to the City’s infrastructure and other repairs deemed necessary to continue City operations.
- D) Make assessments of soundness regarding occupancy or use of particular structures.
- E) Provide appropriate emergency assistants to residents/citizens affected by the landside and its secondary hazards which could include without limitation, security measures, utility disruption, earth movement, settling, flooding and road hazards.

Section 2

Funding to execute this Emergency Declaration shall come from the City’s Contingency Fund (109) which states “The purpose of the Contingency Fund is to finance expenditures unforeseen in the current expense fund.” Current balance in the fund is \$160,937. Should the expenditures exceed the amount available, the City Manager will report to the City Council and request additional funds necessary to manage the

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emergency. The city staff will track all expenditures related to the preparation, and during emergency and post recovery. When appropriate a final expense report shall be prepared and presented to the City Council.

Section 3

The Yakima Valley Office of Emergency Management is authorized to request any state, or federal assistance needed to meet the demands of this incident. The Yakima Valley Office of Emergency Management works in partnership with the City of Union Gap and various other agencies associated with this landside.

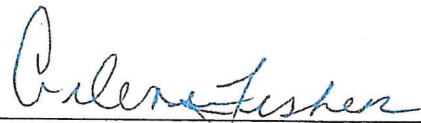
Section 4

A copy of this Order shall be delivered to the Governor of the State of Washington and to the Yakima County Commissioners and to the Yakima Valley Office of Emergency Management. To the extent possible, copies of this order shall be posted at the City's regular locations for official notices and on the City's website and shall be made available to members of the media and general public.

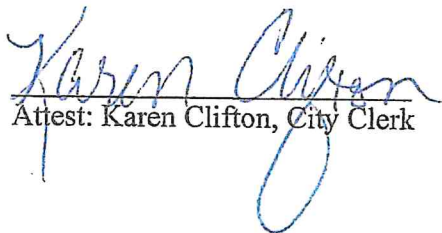

Section 5

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until terminated by the issuance of a subsequent written Order which shall follow when the City Manager determines that the extraordinary measures detailed herein are no longer required for the protection of the public, peace, safety and welfare.

DATED this 8th day of January 2018



Arlene Fisher, City Manager


Mayor of the City of Union Gap
Attest: Karen Clifton, City Clerk
Bronson Brown, City Attorney
Approved and to form