

ORDINANCE NO. 41-18

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Richland amending the 2018 Budget to provide for additional appropriations for legal expenses and declaring that a public emergency exists in the City's General Fund.

WHEREAS, on November 21, 2017, the Richland City Council approved Ordinance No. 49-17 approving the 2018 Budget; and

WHEREAS, City staff has determined that the services of outside legal counsel with specialized expertise are needed to support the City Attorney's Office in litigating three (3) specific unanticipated cases brought against the City after budget preparation for 2018 was complete; and

WHEREAS, \$138,000 in funding is required to pay the legal expenses relating to this three separate cases; and

WHEREAS, due to the timing and the unanticipated nature of the litigation, no funds were appropriated in the General Fund for legal fees related to this litigation; and

WHEREAS, sufficient unappropriated funds are available in the General Fund to support the required budget adjustment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 35.33.091, a public hearing was held on July 17, 2018 regarding the increase in appropriations from beginning fund balance in the General Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Richland as follows:

Section 1. Facts Constituting Emergency. The expenses contained within this ordinance were not anticipated when the 2018 budget was approved.

Section 2. Declaration of Public Emergency. Due to circumstances described above, the City Council declares that a public emergency exists in the General Fund.

Section 3. Amendment of the 2018 Budget. The 2018 Budget is hereby amended to provide additional appropriations in the General Fund from unappropriated fund balance as follows:

<u>General Fund</u>	
Current Appropriation:	\$ 64,052,240
Increase in Appropriation:	\$ <u>138,000</u>
Amended Appropriation:	\$ <u>64,190,240</u>

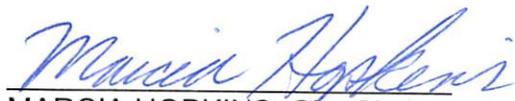
Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect the day following its publication in the official newspaper of the City of Richland.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Richland, Washington, at a regular meeting on the 7th day of August, 2018.



ROBERT J. THOMPSON
Mayor

ATTEST:



MARCIA HOPKINS, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



HEATHER KINTZLEY, City Attorney

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