

ORDINANCE NO. 18-19

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE of the City of Richland declaring an emergency at the Wastewater Treatment Facility related to the presence of mold.

WHEREAS, the City of Richland's Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) at 555 Lacey Road is a critical element of the City's wastewater system; and

WHEREAS, the administration building at the WWTF houses an analytical laboratory and a maintenance and fabrication shop; and

WHEREAS, on January 3, 2019, staff discovered black mold on a wall in the laboratory while installing a dishwasher; and

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2019, the services of Asbestos and Mold Solutions (AMS) were procured to assess the situation and test the mold; and

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2019, AMS delivered the testing report; and

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2019, AMS notified the City that the mold present in the facility is of significant concern. AMS recommended a stop work in the portion of the building where the mold is present, and that immediate remediation efforts take place; and

WHEREAS, the conditions stated above constitute a public emergency affecting life, health or property, thereby necessitating use of the emergency power granted pursuant to Article III of the City of Richland Charter, RCW 39.04.280 and RMC 3.04.120 which allow the City to waive competitive bids in the event of an emergency.

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

Section 1. It is hereby declared that current conditions at the WWTF constitute a public emergency affecting life, health or property. The unforeseen danger at the WWTF and its resulting disturbance of normal practices and daily activity represent a material loss to the City's essential infrastructure, and present a real and immediate threat to the reliable provision of treated sewage meeting city, state and federal standards.

Section 2. Pursuant to the emergency declared in Section 1, City departments and offices are authorized to waive competitive bidding requirements and enter into contracts and incur obligations needed to combat such emergency to protect the health and safety of people, property and the environment.

Section 3. The emergency declared in Section 1 shall expire 365 days from the date of passage of this Ordinance unless earlier terminated or extended by further action of the Richland City Council.

Section 4. This emergency ordinance shall take effect immediately pursuant to Article III, Section 3.03 of the City of Richland Charter.

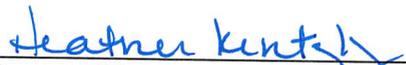
PASSED by the City Council of the City of Richland, Washington, at a regular meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.

  
ROBERT J. THOMPSON  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
MARCIA HOPKINS, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
HEATHER KINTZLEY, City Attorney

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