

PROCLAMATION 07-2025

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF LEAVENWORTH, WASHINGTON
EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) Chapter 38.52 authorizes the Mayor to exercise emergency powers; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety and welfare of City residents, businesses, visitors and staff is of utmost importance to the City and additional future measures may be needed to protect the community; and

WHEREAS, the City may require additional assistance in the future, and a formal declaration of emergency allows additional resources to flow to the City in a timely fashion; and

WHEREAS, RCW 36.40.180, RCW 38.52.070(2) and RCW 39.04.280(3), authorize the waiver of the requirements of competitive bidding and public notice with reference to any contract relating to the City's lease or purchase of supplies, equipment, personal services or public works as defined by RCW 39.04.101, or to any contract for the selection and award of professional and/or technical consultant contract in emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, there is an emergency present which necessitates the utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to Chapter 38.52 RCW, and other relevant provisions of state and federal law; and

WHEREAS, during the evening of December 10, 2025 through December 12, 2025; Chelan County experienced a storm bringing record breaking amounts of rain and high winds throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, as of December 12, 2025, several roads within Leavenworth city limits are closed due to storm damage, with downed trees and powerlines blocking the roads; and

WHEREAS, as of December 12, 2025, the entire city and surrounding areas are without power or internet services; and

WHEREAS, as of December 12, 2025, the Wenatchee River is at flood stage and has inundated City infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, as of December 12, 2025 SR2 from Milepost 50 near Skykomish to Milepost 99 at Leavenworth is closed due to storm damage, including rocks, trees and mud over the roadway in multiple locations blocking access to Leavenworth from the west via SR2. Many other roads throughout Chelan County and neighboring counties have hazardous conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED BY MAYOR CARL J. FLOREA FOR THE CITY OF LEAVENWORTH:

SECTION 1

It is hereby declared under RCW 38.52.020(1)(b) that a state of emergency exists in the City of Leavenworth, as a result of the aforementioned conditions, which significantly impacts the life and health of our residents, the economy of the City of Leavenworth, and is a disaster that affects life, health, property or the public peace.

SECTION 2

I hereby direct designated City departments under this proclamation and those designated within the City of Leavenworth's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan to take actions deemed necessary to otherwise mitigate and prevent impacts and potential impacts upon private property and publicly owned infrastructure, including any necessary action needed to obtain emergency permitting through municipal, county, state or federal agencies.

SECTION 3

In order to prepare for, prevent and respond to this emergency, pursuant to RCW 36.40.180, RCW 38.52.070(2) and RCW 39.04.280 (3), the requirements of competitive bidding and public notice are hereby waived with reference to any contract relating to the City's lease or purchase of supplies, equipment, personal services or public works as defined by RCW 39.04.101, or to any contract for the selection and award of professional and/or technical consultant contracts. Each designated department is hereby authorized to exercise the powers vested in this proclamation in light of the demands of a dangerous and escalating emergency situation without regard to time consuming procedures and formalities otherwise normally prescribed by law (excepting mandatory constitutional requirements).

SECTION 4

A copy of this declaration, the extent practicable, shall be posted at the City's regular locations for official notices and shall be made available to members of the local news media and the general public.

Dated this 15th day of December, 2025

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LEAVENWORTH



Carl J. Florea, Mayor