



## Memorandum

January 31, 2018

**TO:** Longview City Council

**FROM:** David M. Campbell, City Manager

**SUBJECT:** Declaration of Emergency for 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Oak Street Sewer Pump Station

On Thursday, January 25, 2018, Public Works Department staff discovered the sewer pump station at 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Oak Street had flooded and failed. After closing Oak Street to set up temporary bypass pumping, and pumping out the flooded station, staff determined a mechanical seal on the shaft of one of the pumps had failed, allowing sewage to fill the pump and control room and causing the pump station to fail. Urgent measures are needed to restore the pump station.

In my judgment, immediate action was and is needed to protect the public safety and welfare, and urgent action is needed to restore this sewer pump station. Consequently, I am declaring an emergency in accordance with RCW 39.04.280 (1)(e) and the City of Longview Purchasing Manual, to waive competitive bidding requirements to repair and/or install new pumps, electrical service, and controls. In addition, I am requesting the City Council adopt findings of fact and ratify this emergency declaration at its next regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

Sincerely,

David M. Campbell  
City Manager

cc: Kurt Sacha, Assistant City Manager  
Jeff Cameron, Public Works Director