



## Legislation Text

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### **RESOLUTION NO. 2216 - EMERGENCY DECLARATION HEMLOCK & HUDSON STREETS SEWER REPAIRS**

#### **COUNCIL INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:**

Provide sustainable water quality & environmental infrastructure  
Improve streets and roads

#### **CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: REQUIRED**

#### **SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

On March 28, 2017, a small section of Hemlock Street at 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue collapsed into a sinkhole. Further investigation revealed the sinkhole was caused by failure of the 24-inch sewer main below the intersection, and groundwater and sediment was entering the sewer pipe. Due to the risk of further roadway collapse, blockage of sewer flow in the pipe, and danger to the health and safety of the public, efforts began immediately to make the site safe and to retain contractors to perform emergency repairs.

Under RCW 39.04.280, the city manager may declare an emergency and direct staff to respond to the emergency situation, and may award all contracts necessary to address the emergency. The City Council must adopt findings and ratify the declaration of an emergency no later than two weeks after award of an emergency contract. Resolution No. 2216 will adopt findings and ratify the emergency declaration.

#### **FINANCIAL SUMMARY:**

The cost to repair the sewer cannot be determined at this time because staff is still working with contractors to determine a repair technique and schedule. This emergency work will be funded by the Sewer Construction Fund.

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2216.

#### **STAFF CONTACT:**

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