

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALOUSE, WASHINGTON, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY PURSUANT TO RCW 39.04.280(3) DUE TO INOPERABLE FIRE TRUCKS AND AUTHORIZING EXPEDITED PROCUREMENT ACTIONS.

WHEREAS, the City of Palouse provides fire protection services in coordination with District No. 4 under the Joint Fire Board Agreement dated January 1st, 1998, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the City and District jointly operate two fire trucks essential for fire suppression and emergency response, both of which are currently inoperable, with the second failing around September 19, 2025, leaving no capability to respond to fires for four weeks; and

WHEREAS this has created an immediate threat to public safety and welfare due to the inability to provide essential fire services; and

WHEREAS, the delay in declaring an emergency resulted from initial unawareness of procedural requirements, now rectified; and

WHEREAS, formal bidding cannot be completed swiftly enough to address this threat; and

WHEREAS, RCW 39.04.280 permits expedited procurement in emergencies; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED:

1. An emergency is declared on October 21, 2025, due to the inoperability of both fire trucks, posing an immediate threat to public safety due to the inability to provide essential fire suppression services.

The City may procure a replacement fire truck on an expedited basis for the approximate cost \$395,990, without going through formal bidding requirements.

The Mayor is authorized to negotiate a new contract pending budget approval.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Palouse on this 21st day of October 2025.

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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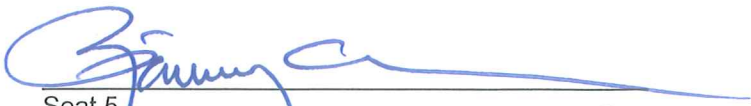
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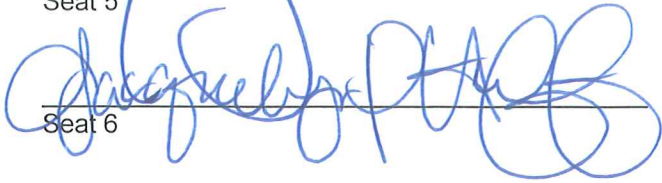
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