

## **PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY**

A PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY; WAIVING CERTAIN CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS, AUTHORIZING STAFF TO IMPLEMENT EMERGENCY PURCHASING REQUIREMENTS, AND TO TAKE OTHER STEPS IN RESPONSE TO THE EMERGENCY RETROACTIVE TO FEBRUARY 27, 2023

**WHEREAS** on February 27, 2023, the off ramp located at Union Avenue to South Tacoma Way in the City of Tacoma, Washington was severely damaged due to a fire; and

**WHEREAS** due to the fire the safety of the ramp was compromised forcing the City to close the ramp to all vehicle traffic; and

**WHEREAS** the ramp serves a vital role for emergency vehicles, utility vehicles and the travelling public; and

**WHEREAS** this closure poses a threat to the health and lives of the citizens of Tacoma, and requires immediate action to preserve public health and protect life; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager, as Director of the City's Emergency Management, has determined that it is necessary for the City to proclaim a state of emergency and to take actions authorized under Chapter 1.10 (Emergency Management) of the Tacoma Municipal Code ("TMC") and Chapter 38.52 (Emergency Management) of the Revised Code of Washington ("RCW") including, but not limited to, the definitions in RCW 38.52.010, the authorizations in RCW 38.52.070 and RCW 38.52.110, the liability, immunity, and indemnification provisions of RCW 38.52.180, et. seq.; Now, Therefore,

**BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE TACOMA CITY COUNCIL** that an emergency caused by the closure of the off ramp located at Union Avenue and South Tacoma Way in Tacoma, Washington, exists in the City of Tacoma; therefore, City of Tacoma departments are authorized to do the following:

- (1) enter into contracts and incur obligations necessary to combat such emergency situations to protect the health and safety of persons, including the pursuit of any Washington State grants or loans; and
- (2) other actions, as appropriate.

Each City of Tacoma department is authorized to exercise the powers vested under this proclamation in the light of the exigencies of an extreme emergency situation without

regard to time consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law (excepting mandatory constitutional requirements).

This declaration of emergency shall be effective retroactive to February 27, 2023, and shall automatically terminate when the off ramp is repaired and open to vehicular traffic.

This Proclamation shall be confirmed by the City Council at the earliest practicable time.

Dated this 20 th day of June, 2023.

Victoria R. Woodards, **Mayor**

Issued and requested by:

Eljane

City Manager  
Emergency Management Director

Approved as to form:

William Foster

City Attorney