

CHAPTER 13 B

DECLARATION OF CITY EMERGENCY

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Conditions that may constitute the need to declare a City Emergency shall include but not be limited to the following:

- A. Inclement weather conditions that include wind levels that exceed 50 miles per hour (MPH), or conditions declared by the National Weather Service as a storm watch, weather advisory, or weather warning for a hurricane, tornado, ice storm, snow storm, and flooding.
- B. Hazardous conditions may include, but are not limited to, a chemical spill, water contamination, uprooted trees, earthquake, tremor, downed power lines, power outages, and buildings or structures declared unfit for human habitation.

Section 13B-102. Adoption of City of Mount Rainier Emergency Operations Plan

- A. The February 1, 2009, as amended, or the latest edition and revision of the City of Mount Rainier Emergency Operations Plan is adopted by reference and made a party of this code.
- B. If the city manager or his/her designee determines that inclement weather or other hazardous condition exists, and declares a city emergency, the latest edition of the City Emergency Operations Plan shall go into effect.
- C. The city manager or his/her designee also may declare a city emergency, whenever the city manager or his/her designee determines that to do so is in the best interests of the safety and welfare of the citizenry. The city emergency shall continue in full force and effect until such time as the City Manager, chief of Police or Public Works Director determines that the city emergency shall be lifted.
- D. Public notice of the City of Mount Rainier Snow Emergency may be given by City cable television, website, City newsletter, television, and radio notices, e-mail alerts, Twitter, and such other means as the City Manager or his/her designee deems necessary, effective, and appropriate.

- E. The City Manager or his/her designee has authority to determine whether City government offices will be open, will delay opening, or will be closed during a City emergency. The decision to open or close City government offices not depend on the Declaration of an emergency by the City of Mount Rainier. Public notice about the status of City government operations may be given by the means set forth in Section 13-B-102 D above.