

**CITY OF ORTING
WASHINGTON
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-22A**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
ORTING, WASHINGTON, RATIFYING PROCLAMATION OF
BURN BAN PURSUANT TO ORTING MUNICIPAL CODE 1-8-4 AND
CHAPTER 38.52 REVISED CODE OF WASHINGTON**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 38.52 RCW – Emergency Management, local governments, via the chief executive officer of the organization, such as the City of Orting’s Mayor, are vested with the power during exigent emergency situations to protect the health and safety of persons and property within the local government’s jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the City has adopted emergency response procedures to protect its citizens from the dangers of exigent emergencies and disasters caused by the various forces of nature, including but not limited to wildfire, when emergency situations exist; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Chapter 38.52 RCW, the City Council of the City of Orting has confirmed that the Mayor has certain emergency powers in Section 1-8-4 of the Orting Municipal Code, and the City Council recently amended Section 1-8-4 specifically to provide that the Mayor is authorized to impose a prohibition on the use of open fires within the City to limit potential adverse impacts to human life and property in response to emergency conditions due to unusual fire danger within the City; and

WHEREAS, summer weather conditions provide for high fire conditions in the City of Orting and within Pierce County generally, and the potential for large and catastrophic fires exists that may be a threat to life and cause damage or destruction to homes, businesses, farmland, natural resources, and other property; and

WHEREAS, in the exercise of such authority the Mayor executed a Proclamation of Emergency related to a Burn Ban on August 18, 2023; and

WHEREAS, following the conclusion of the high fire conditions, the Mayor rescinded the Proclamation of Emergency on August 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to ratify the above referenced Declaration of Emergency and the acts of the Mayor and staff that have been and will be taken in connection with such emergency;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORTING, WASHINGTON,
DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

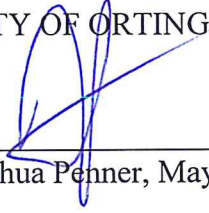
Section 1. Ratification. Pursuant to Orting Municipal Code Section 1-8-4, the City Council ratifies the Proclamation of Emergency issued by the Mayor for a Burn Ban on August 18, 2023, as well as any and all acts undertaken by the Mayor and staff consistent with the Declaration of Emergency referenced herein occurring prior to the effective date of that Declaration are hereby ratified and confirmed by the City Council of Orting.

Section 2. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective upon passage.

Section 3. Corrections Authorized. The City Clerk is authorized to make necessary corrections to this Resolution, including but not limited to correction of clerical errors.

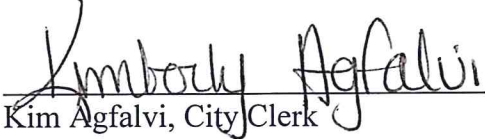
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF ON THE 30TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2023.

CITY OF ORTING




Joshua Penner, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:



Kim Agfalvi, City Clerk

Approved as to form:



Charlotte A. Archer
Inslee Best, City Attorney