

**CITY OF FIFE, WASHINGTON**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1906**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIFE, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON AMENDING SECTION 2.68.030 OF THE FIFE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING CITY MANAGER'S POWERS AND DUTIES IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, FMC 2.68.030 authorizes the city manager, or in the city manager's absence, "the next senior city official" to declare an emergency or the termination of an emergency; and

WHEREAS, the term "next senior city official" is not defined and could create confusion in the event an emergency occurs in the city manager's absence; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to amend FMC 2.68.030 in provide for clarity in the chain of command in the event of an emergency; now therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIFE, WASHINGTON DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 2.68.030 of the Fife Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.68.030 Powers and duties in the event of an emergency or disaster.

A. The city manager, or in the absence of the city manager the city manager's designee, is hereby empowered:

1.To proclaim the existence of a disaster and termination thereof, in the event of any actual or threatened, natural or human-caused public calamity, including, but not limited to, enemy attack, sabotage, hazardous material incident or extraordinary fire, flood, storm, epidemic or earthquake; and

2. To request the Governor to proclaim a state of extreme emergency when, in the opinion of the city manager, or in the absence of the city manager, the city manager's designee, resources of the city of Fife are inadequate to cope with the disaster.

B. The city manager shall set forth in writing who the city manager's designee and alternate designees shall be under this section in the city manager's

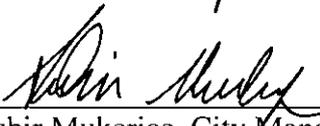
absence in the event of an emergency or disaster, and such writing shall be filed with the city clerk.

Section 2. Each and every provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed severable. If any provision of this ordinance should be deemed to be unconstitutional or otherwise contrary to law by court of competent jurisdiction, then it shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections so long as the intent of the Ordinance can be fulfilled without the illegal section.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect five (5) days after publication as required by law. A summary of this Ordinance may be published in lieu of the entire Ordinance, as authorized by State law.

Introduced the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

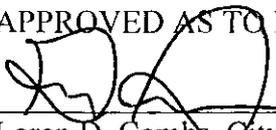
Passed by the City Council on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2015.

  
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Subir Mukerjee, City Manager

ATTEST:

  
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Carol Etgen, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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