



EMERGENCY ORDER
IN AND FOR THE CITY OF SEQUIM, WASHINGTON

No. 2021-01

Regarding 30-day temporary authorization for Security Services Northwest to stage helicopter operations from their site in Sequim to transport personnel and materials as necessary to respond to current emergencies.

Policy/Budget (Council) City Clerk use only: Presented to Council _____
Administrative (City Manager)

On March 16, 2020, the City Council of the City of Sequim issued a Proclamation of Civil Emergency due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. The Proclamation was issued pursuant to Sequim Municipal Code 2.60, RCW 35A.38.010, and RCW 38.52.070(2) based on the public health threat posed by COVID-19, and is consistent with concurrent emergency declarations issued by the President of the United States and the Governor of the State of Washington.

Federal, state, and local governments continue to be in the throes of addressing the impacts and repercussions of the COVID-19 pandemic and must work cooperatively with both public and private agencies to provide for the public's health and safety.

Currently Washington State, like the rest of the country, is experiencing open hostility to government and public health personnel, including harassment and threats of harm. In addition, mass demonstrations and civil unrest related to the pandemic and political conflicts are likely to impair local law enforcement agencies' ability to respond to every threat or need for service. The insurrection at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021, preceded and followed by unlawful assemblies and breaches at multiple state government buildings, including Olympia, Washington, Salem, Oregon, and Boise, Idaho, have raised the security threat level to its highest since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

Security Services Northwest provides professional security services throughout Washington State, and must be able to timely respond to requests for assistance, including in the Pacific Northwest region, from its company site located in Sequim.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED AND ORDERED THAT:

Section 1. Temporary Emergency Authority for Security Services Northwest Helicopter Operations. The City hereby grants temporary emergency authorization to Security Services Northwest to operate its company helicopter(s) within the Sequim city limits to transport personnel and materials as necessary to respond to emergencies related to the COVID-19 pandemic and political unrest. The following conditions apply:



- 1) Security Services Northwest must possess and maintain in good standing all necessary Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) permissions and other required aircraft agency permissions prior to operations.
- 2) Security Services Northwest must coordinate with Clallam County Fire District 3 and PENCOM on development of their operational plans to ensure safe operation over and around the city of Sequim.
- 3) Security Services Northwest must secure written permission of relevant landowners for all property needed for the staging area.
- 4) The helicopter landing zone(s) must be cordoned off with construction fencing, or other high visibility material, in order to exclude spectators during any time that aircraft are in operation.
- 5) Fire extinguishers with a minimum rating of 80: B-C must be supplied within 50' of the helicopter landing area. Not less than one portable fire extinguisher having a minimum 80-B:C rating must be provided for each permanent takeoff and landing area and for the aircraft parking areas. Installation, inspection and maintenance of these extinguishers must be in accordance with Section 906 International Fire Code 2015.)
- 6) Ground support personnel must be provided to keep spectators at a safe distance.
- 7) No fueling can be done at the operation locations while spectators are within an unsafe range.

Section 2. Presentation, Ratification, Termination. Emergency Orders issued under the March 16, 2020 Proclamation of Civil Emergency will be filed with the Legal Department and presented by the City Clerk as soon as practicable to the City Council for ratification and confirmation, modification, or rejection, if applicable.

Rejected orders will be void after the Council vote rejecting them.

Until such time as Council acts, Emergency Orders will be considered in full force and effect.

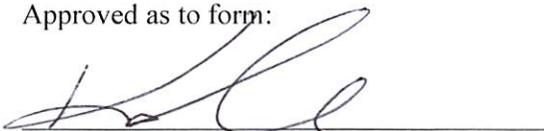
Section 3. Duration. Unless modified, extended, or terminated by the Sequim City Council or Sequim City Manager as applicable, this Emergency Order is effective immediately and remains in effect for 30 calendar days from the date of signing, or to and including 11:59 p.m. on February 19, 2021 whichever occurs first.

SIGNED this 19th day of January, 2021.

CITY OF SEQUIM


Charles P. Bush, City Manager

Approved as to form:


Kristina Nelson-Gross, City Attorney

Attest:

Sara McMillon, City Clerk