



RESOLUTION NO. 23-03

Parkway Fire Disaster Emergency Declaration

WHEREAS, a large scale fire, known as the Parkway Fire, burned approximately eighty acres of publicly owned property within the city limits of Post Falls; and

WHEREAS, the Parkway Fire caused widespread and severe damage to public amenities and natural resources owned by the City of Post Falls and enjoyed by residents of the entire region; and

WHEREAS, recovery and restoration of public properties from the Parkway Fire are ongoing and will likely continue for years; and

WHEREAS, the cost of these recovery and restoration efforts are currently unknown but will likely exceed the financial and other resources of the City of Post Falls that are available to pursue such recovery efforts; and

WHEREAS, I.C. 46-1002(2) defines disasters as the “occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from any natural or man-made cause, including but not limited to, fire, flood, earthquake, windstorm, wave action, volcanic activity, explosion, riot, or hostile military or paramilitary action and including acts of terrorism”; and

WHEREAS, the Parkway Fire meets the definition of a disaster; and

WHEREAS, I.C. 46-1011(1) authorizes the Mayor to issue a local disaster emergency declaration within the limits of the City of Post Falls, which is effective for seven days unless ratified by the Post Falls City Council; and

WHEREAS, the effect of a local disaster emergency declaration effort is to activate the response and recovery aspects of applicable intergovernmental disaster emergency plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance; and

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2023 The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners approved Resolution 2023-68 issuing a Disaster Emergency Declaration for the Parkway Fire; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopts the foregoing as its findings of fact justifying its adoption of this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Post Falls that:

Section 1. Local Disaster Emergency Declared.

Mayor Ron G. Jacobson hereby declares that the Parkway Fire constituted a disaster and declares that a local disaster emergency exists within the City of Post Falls. All city departments are directed as follows:

1. To take all reasonable and necessary steps to determine the causes and extent of damage caused by the Parkway Fire.
2. To secure, and close, for as long as necessary, all properties impacted by the Parkway Fire to protect the public from injury and to reopen such properties when safe to do so.
3. To prepare plans and conduct all necessary work to recover from the Parkway Fire and to render damaged public property safe for public access.
4. To seek financial and other assistance available under applicable intergovernmental disaster emergency plans, and all other sources, to further recovery efforts from the Parkway Fire.

Federal, State, and other Local Authorities are also requested to provide any available assistance to aid in the recovery efforts from the Parkway Fire.

Section 2. Ratification by the City Council.

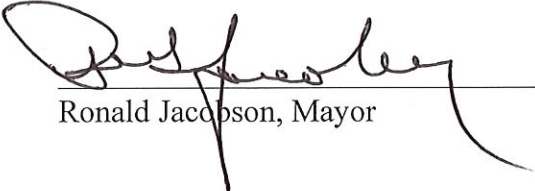
By approving this Resolution, the Post Falls City Council ratifies the local emergency declaration issued herein by Mayor Jacobson.

Section 3. Effective Date and Continuation of Emergency Declaration. This Resolution, passed by a majority of the Post Falls City Council, shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval according to law. The local disaster emergency declaration issued by this Resolution will continue for one year from the effective date of this Resolution, unless earlier terminated or extended by further resolution of the City Council.

PASSED by the City Council on the 5th day of September, 2023.



CITY OF POST FALLS


Ronald Jacobson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Shannon Howard, City Clerk

Upon a motion made by a council member, seconded by a council member, the following vote was recorded:

AYES: 11

NAYES: —

ABSENT: —

Following approval, present the original to the Kootenai County Recorder for recordation as required by I.C. 46-1011.