

TITLE: EXECUTIVE ORDER FOR DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO THE OLD TRAILS FIRE

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2026
REVISION DATE IF APPLICABLE:

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane intends to execute any necessary procurements or agreements to continue its emergency response to the Old Trails Fire, which has led to the evacuation of thousands of Spokane residents; and

WHEREAS, the Old Trails Fire threatens to damage and destroy public property and infrastructure, which may necessitate emergency procurements to immediately protect, restore, or replace this public property and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the Old Trail Fire, the City of Spokane has experienced high wind gusts of up to 46 mph causing electrical power outages across the City and region; and

WHEREAS, the City's emergency response to the Old Trails Fire has extended across numerous departments and resources including but not limited to, fire suppression, law enforcement, evacuation and relocation of citizens, sheltering of vulnerable individuals, and traffic management; and

WHEREAS, SMC 2.04.030A provides that:

Whenever a civil emergency, or the imminent threat thereof, occurs in the City and results in, or threatens to result in the death or injury of persons or the destruction of or damage to property to such extent as to require, in the judgment of the mayor, extraordinary and immediate measures to protect the public peace, safety and welfare, the mayor shall forthwith proclaim in writing the existence of a civil emergency, including in the proclamation a brief description of the facts constituting the civil emergency.

WHEREAS, Section 7.06.180 of the Spokane Municipal Code provides that if an emergency requires procurement prior to City Council action, the Mayor may declare an emergency and award necessary contracts or agreements to address the emergency situation; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Brown is prepared to execute the appropriate and necessary contracts and agreements with agencies to provide the necessary services to immediately activate an integrated response to the wildfire crisis; and

WHEREAS, after consultation with local and state officials and to ensure continuity in the City of Spokane's emergency response to the Old Trails Fire, the Mayor authorizes emergency procurements and agreements consistent with SMC 02.04.030 and SMC 07.06.180.

NOW THEREFORE, LISA BROWN, MAYOR OF CITY OF SPOKANE, HEREBY DECLARES AND ORDERS:

Section 1 – Purpose and Intent.

The purpose of this Emergency Declaration is to execute any procurements or agreements necessary to ensure continuity in the City of Spokane's emergency response to the Old Trails Fire.

Section 2 – Declaration of Emergency

Pursuant to SMC 02.04.030, a declaration of emergency is proclaimed in the City of Spokane as of 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 1, 2026 due to the impact on the public health, safety and welfare caused by the ongoing emergency response to the Old Trails Fire

Section 3 – Emergency Procurement

Pursuant to SMC 7.06.180, the Mayor or her designee may make emergency procurements consistent with the provisions of Chapter 7.06 SMC and may execute such contracts and/or other agreements as are necessary to respond to meet the intent of this emergency declaration.

Section 4 – Effective Date.

The Declaration shall be in full force and effect upon signature of Mayor Brown and shall continue until terminated.

Section 5 – Ratification.

This Emergency Declaration shall be submitted to the City Council for ratification pursuant to SMC 2.04.060.

Dated this 1st day of August 2026.

Lisa Brown
Mayor Lisa Brown

Attest:

Shunda R. Burt
City Clerk

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Approved as to form:

Michael D. Reed
City Attorney

