

TITLE: EXECUTIVE ORDER FOR DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO THE SPOKANE COMPLEX FIRES

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 4, 2026

REVISION DATE IF APPLICABLE:

WHEREAS, Mayor Lisa Brown issued Executive Order 2026-0004 in response to the Old Trails Fire; and

WHEREAS, the Autumn Lane Fire and Fairview Fire were combined with the Old Trails Fire and named the Spokane Complex fires; and

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane intends to execute any necessary procurements or agreements to continue its emergency response to the Spokane Complex fires, which has led to the evacuation of thousands of Spokane residents and damaged and destroyed public property and infrastructure, which necessitates emergency procurements to immediately respond to the impacts of the Spokane Complex fires and to protect, restore, and replace public property and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane's emergency response to the Spokane Complex fires has extended across numerous departments and resources including but not limited to fire suppression, law enforcement, public works, housing and human services, building inspection, evacuation and relocation of residents, sheltering of vulnerable individuals, and traffic management; and

WHEREAS, the City's emergency response efforts to the Spokane Complex fires have also extended to coordinating with multiple regional and state agencies at all levels of response; and

WHEREAS, Spokane Municipal Code 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, this executive order supplements Executive Order 2026-0004 by extending the emergency declaration to the Spokane Complex fires; and

WHEREAS, after consultation with local, state, and federal officials and to ensure continuity in the City of Spokane's emergency response to the Spokane Complex fires, 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 supplement Executive Order 2026-0004 to allow for the execution of any procurements or agreements necessary to ensure continuity in the City of Spokane's emergency response to the Spokane Complex fires.

Section 2 – Declaration of Emergency

Pursuant to SMC 02.04.030 and Executive Order 2026-0004, a declaration of emergency was 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. The emergency declaration proclaimed in Executive Order 2026-0004 remains in effect and includes the Spokane Complex fires as supplemented by this order.

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.

This 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 4 day of August 2026.


Mayor Lisa Brown

Attest:


City Clerk

Date of Publication: 8/5/2026

Effective Date: 8/4/2026



Approved as to form:


City Attorney