

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO: 20-09-08-01

IN THE MATTER OF DECLARING A LOCAL  
EMERGENCY AS A RESULT OF THE  
MCKENZIE FIRE THAT STARTED  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2020

**WHEREAS;** Lane County is experiencing a severe wildfire that has put lives at risk and caused wide spread damage to private and public properties, and

**WHEREAS,** temperatures and winds remain high and humidity remains low causing the fire to burn rapidly throughout the McKenzie River Corridor and will continue to place lives and properties at risk; and

**WHEREAS,** the preliminary assessment of infrastructure damage is widespread and the county needs flexibility in managing resources under the existing emergency conditions, which may include waiving normal contract workforce bid requirements and

**WHEREAS,** the County needs to raise public awareness and involve the public in protecting their resources, and:

**WHEREAS,** Lane County concludes that the fire is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a Local Emergency Declaration, and;

**WHEREAS,** as a result of the damage caused by the fire, Lane County the County Administrator will need to authorize immediate spending to bring critical services to Lane County residents; and,

**WHEREAS,** the County anticipates it will request the Governor to Declare a Disaster to augment local resources.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Board of County Commissioners of Lane County **ORDERS** as follows:

1. That a local emergency exists as defined in Lane Code Chapter 20 throughout all of Lane County and;
2. All local resources are being expended and are insufficient to respond to the situation,
3. The County Administrator is authorized under Lane Code Chapter 20 to spend up to \$500,000 in responding to the effects of the wildfire; and,
4. This Declaration of Local Emergency shall remain in effect for 14 days.

**ADOPTED** this 8<sup>TH</sup> day of September, 2020.



Heather Buch, Chair  
Lane County Board of Commissioners