

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-61

RESOLUTION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY TO ADDRESS COMMUNITY IMPACTS OF FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Forest Grove Emergency Operations Plan, adopted by Ordinance 2010-06 pursuant to authority granted by ORS Chapter 401, authorizes the City Council to declare that a state of emergency exists within the city limits; and

WHEREAS, under ORS 401.309 and the Forest Grove Emergency Operations Plan, Section 1.7.2, a declaration of a state of emergency is necessary to protect the public and property consistent with local, state, and federal law, and to ensure the City of Forest Grove (City) has the appropriate resources to respond to the emergency; and

WHEREAS, increased immigration enforcement within Forest Grove has caused residents to fear leaving their homes to go to work, school, access City services, take public transportation, attend medical appointments, and other necessary daily activities; and

WHEREAS; recent data from the State of Oregon shows a significant impact to immigrant's health and well-being due to fear of being targeted and/or detained; and

WHEREAS, the foregoing circumstances constitute a significant effect on the health and well-being of the community, which provides cause to necessitate assistance from the City to alleviate the loss, hardship, or suffering resulting from such activity; and

WHEREAS, ORS 401.315 and the Forest Grove Emergency Operations Plan, Section 1.7.1, provide that the City may redirect efforts and resources, enter into contracts, and incur obligations necessary to mitigate, prepare for, or respond to an emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners declared a state of emergency regarding federal immigration enforcement on November 4th, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the foregoing circumstances affect all the territory within the city limits; and

WHEREAS, the foregoing circumstances are anticipated to remain in effect at least until December 31, 2025.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF FOREST GROVE AS
FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The City Council hereby declares a state of emergency now exists in the City of Forest Grove, Oregon, encompassing all the area within the city limits, effective on this 10th day of November 2025.

Section 2. The City Manager is hereby authorized to take such lawful actions as necessary to minimize or mitigate the effect of the emergency in a manner consistent with the Forest Grove Emergency Operations Plan and all applicable laws.

Section 3. The City Manager is further granted the authority to reallocate funds and authorize expenditures under this emergency declaration in an amount of up to \$50,000 to support community-based organizations providing services in Forest Grove to those impacted by federal immigration activities.

Section 4. The City shall take all necessary steps authorized and permitted by law to coordinate response and recovery from this emergency, including but not limited to requesting assistance from county and state agencies, as/where available.

Section 5. The emergency procurements of goods and services are hereby authorized pursuant to ORS 279B.080, ORS 279C.335(6), ORS 279.380(4), and other applicable laws.

Section 6. This declaration of emergency is effective immediately and shall expire December 31, 2025.

Section 7. As required under ORS 401.165, The City Manager is hereby authorized to submit a declaration request to Washington County in compliance with Forest Grove Emergency Operations Plan, Section 1.7.2.

PRESENTED AND PASSED this 10th day of November, 2025.

Mariah S. Woods, City Recorder

APPROVED by the Mayor this 10th day of November, 2025.

Malynda H. Wenzl, Mayor