

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GARFIELD, WASHINGTON, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY PURSUANT TO RCW 39.04.280(1)(E) DUE TO INOPERABLE WATER AND WASTEWATER PUMPS FINDING THE EXISTENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Garfield provides safe drinking water and wastewater services to residents inside and on the border of the Town of Garfield;

**WHEREAS**, the failures of the pump for primary water source pump **Water Well #4** and the pumps at the **Garfield Wastewater Treatment Plant**, and have created an immediate threat to public health, and safety due to the inability to provide essential safe drinking water and wastewater services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has a responsibility and duty to provide safe drinking water by state law, federal law, and local ordinance for the health and safety of all residents. Failing to repair the town's primary water source water Well #4 has the potential to cause bodily injury and potential loss of life as water is essential to everyone's health and safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has a responsibility and duty to provide wastewater services by state law, federal law, and local ordinance for the health and safety of everyone. The wastewater treatment plant is supposed to always have **four** operable pumps for the plant to work correctly. Three pump failures were found on **January 14, 2026**, causing the plant to no longer work correctly. Failing to fix the pumps can result in the loss of materials, damage to property, and create bodily injury with the backup of human waste; and

**WHEREAS**, the delay in declaring an emergency has the potential to result in the loss of materials, damage to property, causing bodily injury and potentially causing loss of life if immediate action is not taken; and

**WHEREAS**, formal bidding cannot be completed swiftly enough to address the threat of health of safety of the residents in and on the borders of the Town of Garfield; and

**WHEREAS**, **RCW 39.04.280** permits expedited procurement in emergencies.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE HEREBY RESOLVED:**

1. An emergency is declared on January 28, 2026, due to the inoperability of the primary water source pump water Well #4 and the one pump at the Garfield Wastewater Treatment Plant posing an immediate threat to public health and safety due to the inability to provide essential safe drinking water and wastewater services.

The Town Mayor is authorized to order and have the pump replaced for both the primary water source pump for water **Well #4** and the pump for the **Garfield**

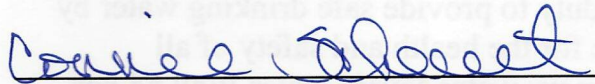
**Wastewater Treatment Plant.**

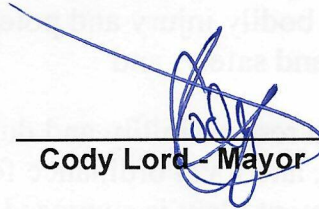
**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Town Council of the Town of Garfield on this **28th** day of **JANAURY 2026**.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS:**








  
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**ATTEST:**

  
DonNell Ellsworrrth - Clerk/Treasurer