

RESOLUTION\_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO REMOVE THE CHAMBERS  
RAILROAD COVERED BRIDGE

WHEREAS, Chambers Railroad Covered Bridge is on the National Register of Historic Places and it is one of eight covered railroad bridges remaining in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cottage Grove received a grant for \$1,315,370 from the 2008 National Historic Covered Bridge Preservation Program; and

WHEREAS, the projected timeline for removal/salvage of the bridge structure during the “in water work period” on the Coast Fork of the Willamette River, is between June 1, 2010 and October 31, 2010; and

WHEREAS, recent winter storms have caused the bridge to shift and significantly increase the risk of failure and collapse at any moment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cottage Grove has taken additional steps to attempt protect the public from the hazards by blocking access to the bridge structure and public notice of the hazard; and

WHEREAS, the partial or complete failure of the Chambers Railroad Bridge could result in serious personal injury; and

WHEREAS, the collapse of the Chambers Railroad Bridge could result in damage to other public infrastructure or property downstream from the bridge; and

WHEREAS, the Chambers Railroad Bridge poses an immediate threat to the public safety and welfare of citizens within the community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cottage Grove wants to preserve as much of the existing structure to be reused in the restoration of the historic bridge; and

WHEREAS, the funding and environmental agencies involved in the restoration and preservation project have offered tentative approval for the required permits; and

WHEREAS, Hamilton Construction Company and OBEC Consulting Engineers are available to begin the dismantling and removal next week.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Cottage Grove declares the Chambers Railroad Bridge an immediate hazard to public safety and welfare.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Cottage Grove declares that an emergency exists and that conditions require the prompt execution of a contract for the

dismantling and removal of the Chambers Railroad Bridge pursuant to emergency provisions of the Public Contracting Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR THIS 16TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2010.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Richard Meyers, City Manager

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Gary Williams, Mayor

Date: \_\_\_\_\_