

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

FOR MARION COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER 08-26

In the Matter of Requesting the Governor to Declare )  
a State of Emergency for the Cities of Detroit and )  
Idanha in Marion County )

WHEREAS, ORS 401.055 provides that upon request of the local government, the  
Governor may declare a state of emergency by proclamation; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Detroit and Idanha have requested the County to submit a  
request to the Governor to proclaim an emergency; and

WHEREAS, all local resources have been expended; and

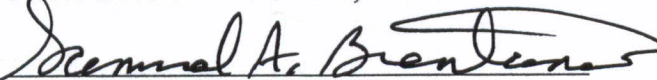
WHEREAS, attached is a preliminary assessment of property damage or loss, injuries  
and deaths; and

WHEREAS, this order must be immediately delivered to the State Office of Emergency  
Management; now, therefore it is

ORDERED that Marion County is hereby formally requesting that the Governor declare a  
state of emergency for  the entire Cities of Detroit and Idanha pursuant to ORS 401.055 or for  
 that portion designated on Exhibit "A." (check appropriate box)

DATED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 2008.

FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MARION COUNTY, OREGON



TITLE:

January 30, 2008

John Vanderzanden  
Marion County Public Works  
Emergency Management Coordinator

Re: Declaration of a State of Emergency

Dear Mr. Vanderzanden,

**The City of Detroit and the City of Idanha are declaring a State of Emergency**

The City of Detroit experienced 153 inches of snow between December 21, 2007 and January 30, 2008. Detroit currently has four (4) feet of snow on the ground and Idanha measured 62" on the ground this morning. Snow and/or rain is in the forecast for the rest of the week, adding weight to already heavily laden roofs and trees which are hanging over power lines.

Both cities are struggling with repeated power outages due to downed lines. Detroit has scored a bit better than Idanha, who had a total of approximately five (5) hours of power within the last three days. The anticipated storm could easily worsen the situation. We are not currently able to provide a generator, cots, blankets or food for the citizens of Detroit and Idanha.

An emergency exists due to the following:

- The City of Detroit's access road to the water plant can no longer be plowed unless the existing berms are removed. The propane supplier has not been able to get to the plant in two months, and supply is running low. The tank holds enough propane to supply the City with water for a maximum of two to three days without power.
- The City of Idanha cannot drive to the water reservoir. Idanha does not have back-up capabilities for a generator at this time. Water supply gets dangerously low during power outages.
- The City of Detroit is experiencing serious water loss due to broken lines. Our water department personnel is unable to get to the snow-buried water meters to detect the broken lines. All meters need to be cleared of snow immediately to prevent the City from running out of water. (50 gallons per minute is average; right now, the usage is 150 gallons per minute and increasing daily).
- Berms along city streets are 10 feet tall, and with more snow in the forecast, there is no place left for additional snow. Both cities are in need of front-end loaders and dump trucks for berm removal.
- The City of Detroit has 33 fire hydrants. The majority of these hydrants, including markers, are buried under snow.
- The safety viewing area at busy streets and highway intersections is blocked by berms.
- Buildings without metal roofs have between three (3) to five (5) feet of snow

- accumulated and with more wet snow on the way, are in serious danger of collapsing.
- The sick and elderly remain to be a concern. Many live up in the hills and are not able to shovel themselves out, or clear their roofs of the snow load.
  - Emergency vehicles would not be able to access driveways, or some less populated roads at this time.
  - Both cities need snow removal equipment (shovels) and personnel for shoveling.
  - Emergency medical crews, fire trucks and ambulance, power utility crews and City water and maintenance crews require access to city streets, which necessitates plowing of the streets. Both cities have extremely limited budgets and have already overspent the annually budgeted allocation for snow removal by thousands of dollars, thus creating a hardship to the respective cities.

The cities are able to assist in the needs of the community to the following extent:

- Both cities have an Emergency Management Program in place, which works hand in hand with the local Fire Protection District.
- Both communities have an updated list of available equipment/personnel for emergency needs.
- The Detroit City Hall is available for any persons needing relocation for any reason due to emergency. The City Hall building can provide heat (electric only), a Health Department approved kitchen, two bathrooms (no showers), and space for sleeping and/or feeding 40 to 80 persons.

Although both cities have an emergency plan, the resources are not nearly adequate to deal with the current snow level and will not be able to cope with the anticipated further accumulation due over the next several days. Both cities' budgets and resources are long exhausted.

As of the time of this writing, it is snowing again!

By authority of:

Mayor Patrick Carty  
CITY OF DETROIT

Mayor Karen Clark  
CITY OF IDANHA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Christine Pavoni, City Recorder, City of Detroit