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**BUILDING DEPARTMENT POLICY
EMERGENCY BUILDING OFFICIAL DESIGNATION**

APPROVED BY: Building Official

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Background:

This policy was created with the intent of ensuring that Bainbridge Island has immediate access to a public official serving in the capacity of Building Official in the event of a natural disaster or other emergency. The majority of the City of Bainbridge Island Building Division staff, including the Building Official presently reside off island and are dependent upon access via the Agate Pass Bridge or other waterborne means to be able to access the island and provide public service during an emergency. Greg Hiatt, P.E. is a Building Division staff member who is a registered structural engineer and expert in the adopted International Building Code. Greg Hiatt, P.E. is also a resident on Bainbridge Island and can serve as interim Building Official in the event of an emergency where transportation to the island is not readily available. This policy is intended as the means to accommodate the emergency needs of the Building Official position and accommodate the immediate need for structural inspections, evaluation, and decisions to be conducted by the Building Official during crucial emergency or natural disaster events.

Purpose:


To provide a means to accommodate the emergency needs of the Building Official position and accommodate the immediate need for emergency staff to perform needed structural inspections, evaluation, and decisions to be conducted by the Building Official during crucial emergency or natural disaster events.

Authority:

City Building Official

Policy:

In the event of a natural disaster or emergency whereas Building Division staff are not available or cannot readily access Bainbridge Island, Greg Hiatt, P.E. has been designated to be able to perform the duties and responsibilities as the designated City of Bainbridge Island Building Official.


James R. Weaver,
City Building Official