

City of Richmond



DANNY AVULA, MAYOR

January 30, 2026

DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service has issued a Winter Weather Advisory for the City of Richmond for an anticipated winter storm; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service has forecasted the potential for accumulating snow, extremely low temperatures, and high wind gusts, creating potentially dangerous or impossible driving conditions, and life-safety concerns, thereby taxing the city's resources; and

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2026, the Governor of Virginia issued Executive Order No. 11 (2026) declaring pursuant to sections 44-146.17 and 44-75.1 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, that a state of emergency exists in Virginia as a result of predicted severe winter weather impacts affecting the state beginning on January 24, 2026; and

WHEREAS, section 44-146.21 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, provides that the Mayor of the City of Richmond, as the City's Director of Emergency Management,

may declare that a local emergency exists, subject to confirmation by the City Council of the City of Richmond at its next regularly scheduled meeting or at a special meeting held within 45 days of the declaration, whichever occurs first;

NOW, THEREFORE,

As the City's Director of Emergency Management, I have determined that a local emergency exists and have declared such a local emergency effective as of January 30, 2026, at 5:00 P.M. due to the effects felt from the winter weather upon the City of Richmond.



1/30/2026

Danny Avula, Mayor Date