

City of Richmond



DANNY AVULA, MAYOR

January 23, 2026

DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

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

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service has forecasted major winter storm impacts, which include dangerous or impossible driving conditions, widespread closures and disruptions to infrastructure, and life-safety concerns, thereby taxing the city's resources; and

WHEREAS, in connection therewith, 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 as of January 23, 2026, at approximately 4 P.M. due to the effects felt from severe winter weather upon the City of Richmond.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Avula", is positioned above a solid horizontal line.

Dr. Danny Avula, Mayor