

INTRODUCED: February 9, 2026

Expedited Consideration

A RESOLUTION No. 2026-R005

To consent to the Director of Emergency Management’s declaration that a local emergency exists in the city of Richmond beginning on January 23, 2026, due to the effects of a winter storm.

Patron – Mayor Avula

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: FEB 9 2026 AT 6 P.M.

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 as a result of a forecasted severe winter storm to affect the Commonwealth, to include significant snow, sleet, ice, freezing rain, and temperatures below freezing; and

WHEREAS, the effects of the winter storm, to include snow, sleet, and ice accumulations, temperatures below freezing, transportation difficulties, power outages, and life-safety concerns, have impacted central Virginia beginning January 24, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Richmond, as the City’s Director of Emergency Management, has declared a local emergency beginning on January 23, 2026, pursuant to section

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44-146.21(A) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, due to the effects from the winter storm;
and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Richmond desires now to consent, as required by section 44-146.21(A) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, to the Mayor's declaration of this local emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND:

That, in accordance with section 44-146.21(A) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, the Council of the City of Richmond consents to the declaration made by the Mayor of the City of Richmond in his role as Director of Emergency Management that a local emergency existed in the city of Richmond beginning on January 23, 2026.

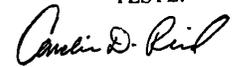
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That, for the avoidance of doubt, the Council, by consenting to the Mayor's declaration of such local emergency, has authorized the Mayor to exercise the powers set forth in section 44-146.21(C) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, during the period of such local emergency.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

A TRUE COPY:
TESTE:


City Clerk