

INTRODUCED: February 9, 2026

Expedited Consideration

A RESOLUTION No. 2026-R006

To consent to the Director of Emergency Management’s declaration that a local emergency exists in the city of Richmond beginning on January 30, 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 a winter storm, to include accumulating snow, extremely low temperatures, and high wind gusts, creating potentially dangerous or impossible driving conditions, and life-safety concerns, impacted central Virginia beginning January 30, 2026; and

AYES: 8 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: FEB 9 2026 REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Richmond, as the City's Director of Emergency Management, declared a local emergency beginning on January 30, 2026, pursuant to section 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 30, 2026.

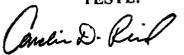
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

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

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