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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## CITY BUILDINGS TO CLOSE ALL DAY WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY MORNING

BURLINGTON – City of Burlington Mayor Jeannie Hefty announced today that non-essential city buildings will be closed to the public on Wednesday, January 30, 2019, and on Thursday morning, January 31, 2019, due to extreme weather conditions expected in Racine County. At this time, the reopening of City buildings is planned for 1 p.m. Thursday.

Buildings impacted by the closure include City Hall (including the Racine County Service Center), the Department of Public Works, the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Municipal Court.

The National Weather Service is forecasting near-record wind chills approaching -50 degrees on Wednesday and has issued a rare Wind Chill Warning beginning Tuesday night, calling it a "life-threatening situation", where frostbite could occur within five minutes when wind chills are -48 or colder. The safety of our residents, visitors and City of Burlington employees is our first priority. Given these dangerous conditions, City buildings will be closed as a proactive measure.

The City will continue to carry out essential services including Police, Fire and Public works critical to public safety.

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