



Declaration Of Emergency in the City of Burlington

WHEREAS, an emergency is declared as existing within the City of Burlington, Racine, County, Wisconsin, for the following reasons: whenever conditions arise by reason of an imminent threat that impairs transportation, food or fuel supplies, medical care, fire, health or police protection, or other critical systems of the local unit of government.

WHEREAS, the period of emergency shall be limited to the time during which the emergency conditions exist or are likely to exist in the City of Burlington.

WHEREAS, be it known to all persons, that on this day, pursuant to the authority vested in my office under the provisions of Chapter 31 of the City of Burlington Municipal Code, which was adopted pursuant the provisions of Section 323.11 of the Wisconsin Statutes. it is hereby declared a state of emergency exists in the County of Racine, for the following specific reason(s):

- The City of Burlington experienced a severe winter storm event with an ice storm on Wednesday, February 23, 2023 with significant ice accumulation and loss of power.
- Dangerous gusting winds as high as 40 mph are expected to exacerbate the situation, with the potential for more downed power lines and utility interruptions/outages, fallen trees, and other hazards.
- Freezing temperatures will persist into Friday, February 25, 2023 , leading to an increase risk of hypothermia and other cold-related illnesses, calling for the need of warming centers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Common Council, or its designated agents, has the authority to order whatever is necessary and expedient for the health, safety, welfare, and good order of the City of Burlington during the emergency, including without limitation the power to bar, restrict, and remove all unnecessary traffic, vehicular or pedestrian, from the local highways.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, I find that an emergency exists which requires extraordinary measures to protect the health and well-being of the people. Declaring a state of emergency will facilitate and expedite the use of resources to protect persons from the impacts of the winter storm while maintaining continuity of operations for the City of Burlington.

Dated: February 23, 2023

Signed By:

Mayor Jeannie Hefty