

**CITY OF SPRINGFIELD**  
**ORDER DECLARING STATE OF EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, ORS 401. 305 provides authority for the City of Springfield to act as an emergency management agency, including authority to establish policies and protocols for defining and directing responsibilities during the time of emergency;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Springfield has enacted a local Ordinance (SMC 2.800 et seq.) pursuant to the authority granted by ORS Chapter 401 that provides for executive responsibility in times of emergency;

**WHEREAS**, the Lane County and the Greater Eugene-Springfield Area are experiencing a significant winter storm that has brought below freezing temperatures, ice accumulation, sleet and snow;

**WHEREAS**, temperatures remain low and precipitation continues causing hazardous conditions and treacherous travel;

**WHEREAS**, Many Springfield residents do not have power and it is anticipated that power will not be restored for an extended period of time;

**WHEREAS**, this winter storm has caused downed trees and power lines, icy roads, freezing temperatures, the closure of Interstate 5 and other state highways in addition to the closure of local schools and other government facilities;

**WHEREAS**, due to the severity of this storm, the entire City of Springfield is in a state of emergency;

**WHEREAS**, on January 16, the Lane County Board of Commissioners adopted an order declaring a local emergency as a result of this winter storm;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Springfield has expended or will shortly expend its necessary and available resources, including resources through mutual aid and cooperative assistance agreements;

**WHEREAS**, SMC 2.800 et seq and ORS Chapter 401 authorize certain actions to be taken during a state of emergency when necessary for public safety or for the efficient conduct of activities to minimize or mitigate the effects of the emergency;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is hereby ordered:

**Section 1.** I, Niel Laudati, City Manager Designee, formally declare a state of emergency for the City of Springfield effective on January 16, 2024 at 1800 hours in geographical area located within the Springfield City Limits.

**Section 2.** Upon this declaration of a state of emergency, the City Manager or designee is empowered to carry out the appropriate functions and duties identified in SMC 2.800 et seq. during the time of emergency and shall implement the Eugene/Springfield Multijurisdictional Emergency Operation Plan.

**Section 3.** The City Manager or her designee shall take all necessary steps authorized by law to coordinate response and recovery from this emergency, including, but not limited to, requesting assistance from the State of Oregon and Lane County.

**Section 4.** This declaration of a state of emergency shall be taken before the Common Council of the City of Springfield at their next available meeting for ratification.

**Section 5.** This declaration of a state of emergency shall expire in 7 days on January 23, 2024, unless sooner terminated or extended by order of the Common Council.

**Section 6.** The City Manager, as the Director of Emergency Services, or her designee, is authorized to implement any of the emergency measures provided for in Springfield Municipal Code sections 2.810 through 2.814 and 2.820 in the interest of the public health, safety, or welfare, in the area designated as an emergency area.

Dated January 16, 2024

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Niel Laudati

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