

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARRISONBURG
RATIFYING A DECLARATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, Section 44.1-146.21 of the Code of Virginia authorizes the local director of emergency management to declare a local emergency in the event the governing body cannot convene due to the disaster or other exigent circumstances, subject to confirmation by the governing body at its next regularly scheduled meeting or at a special meeting within 45 days of the declaration, whichever occurs first; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, January 24, 2026, at 12:25 PM, the City Manager of the City of Harrisonburg, acting in his capacity as the local director of emergency management, declared a local emergency effective immediately in response to the severe snow and ice storm; and

WHEREAS, the declaration of a local emergency empowers the City to take all necessary actions to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its residents, including the mobilization of resources, the deployment of emergency response personnel, and the implementation of emergency measures; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Harrisonburg has reviewed the circumstances of the emergency and the actions taken by the local director of emergency management;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Harrisonburg, Virginia that the declaration of local emergency made on January 24, 2026, is hereby confirmed and ratified.

Adopted this 10th day of February, 2026.

Deanna R. Reed, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela Ulmer, City Clerk