


City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: DECEMBER 22, 2009

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER 

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AFFIRMING LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARATION FOR DECEMBER SNOW STORM

ISSUE: Resolution affirming Local Emergency Declaration for December Snow Storm.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council adopt the attached resolution (Attachment 1).

DISCUSSION: As a result of the record breaking snow storm that hit Alexandria last weekend (beginning on Friday, December 18,) on Saturday, December 19, I issued a Local Declaration of Emergency (Attachment 2) so that the City was positioned to take advantage of any state or federal assistance that might become available. I extended the expiration date of the declaration from December 22 to 12:01 a.m. on December 24, (Attachment 3) due to the extensive snow removal effort that was required to address the 17 to 20 inches of snow that we received in Alexandria.

State law and the City Code require that City Council affirm my Local Emergency Declaration within 14 days. We have contacted all of the members of City Council, and everyone is available to attend the December 29 special meeting.

I recommend that Council adopt the resolution.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Proposed Resolution

Attachment 2: Local Emergency Declaration (to December 22, 2009)

Attachment 3: Extension of Local emergency Declaration (to December 24, 2009)

STAFF: Mark Penn, Emergency Management Coordinator

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, on December 19, 2009, the City Manager, as the Director of Emergency Management of the City of Alexandria, as a result of a major snowstorm, found that the City of Alexandria faced emergency conditions of peril to life and property which threatened and constituted a disaster, and made a Declaration of Local Emergency; and

WHEREAS, state law and the city code require that such Declaration of Local Emergency be approved and confirmed by City Council, as the governing body of the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, that the Declaration of Local Emergency, dated December 19, 2009, attached hereto and incorporated herein fully by reference, be, and the same hereby is, approved and confirmed; provided, however, that such Declaration shall expire at 12:01 a.m., December 24, 2009, unless extended or sooner terminated by the Director of Emergency Management in writing.

ADOPTED:

WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR

Attest:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk

**DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY
CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA**

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Management of the City of Alexandria, Virginia finds that, due to the historic snowfall, the City continues to face emergency conditions that imperil life and property of sufficient severity and magnitude to threaten or constitute an emergency; and

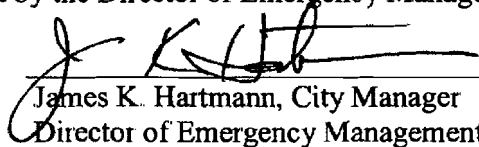
WHEREAS, to necessitate this declaration of the existence of a local emergency, the December 18, 2009, Winter Storm was the largest snowfall for several years in the National Capital Region; and

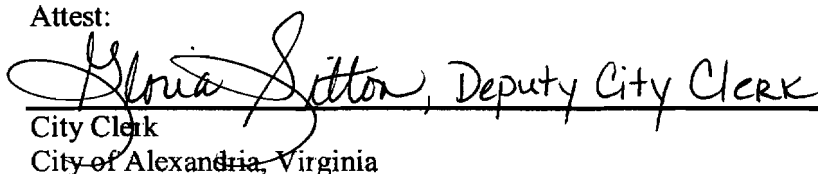
WHEREAS, Emergency Services continue to be hampered due to the road conditions, staff has been engaged in snow operations round-the-clock for over three days, some roads are still impassable, the critical infrastructure such as power, telephone, water, waste water and other key resources of the City as well as the region may be severely impacted, food and water are scarce, there is the potential for building collapse, major power outages or other emergencies, and opening emergency sheltering; now

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DECLARED, that a local emergency exists throughout the City of Alexandria; and

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED, that during the existence of said emergency, the powers, functions and duties of the Director of Emergency Management shall be those prescribed by state law and the ordinances, resolutions and operations plans of the City of Alexandria, and that any actions taken under this declaration shall be directed at the prevention or mitigation of damage, loss, hardship or suffering threatened by, or resulting from, the emergency.

The original declaration was effective December 19, 2009 and is hereby extended and; This declaration shall expire at 12:01 a.m., Thursday, December 24, 2009, unless extended or sooner terminated by the Director of Emergency Management in writing.


James K. Hartmann, City Manager
Director of Emergency Management

Attest:

Gloria Sutton, Deputy City Clerk
City Clerk
City of Alexandria, Virginia

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CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA**

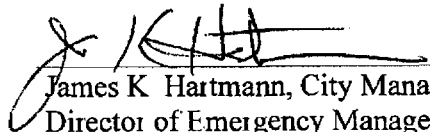
WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Management of the City of Alexandria, Virginia finds that, due to the historic snowfall, the City faces emergency conditions that are potentially of peril to life and property of sufficient severity and magnitude to threaten or constitute an emergency and therefore, to necessitate this declaration of the existence of a local emergency; the December 18, 2009 Winter Storm, will be the largest snowfall during December in the National Capital Region, roads and bridges may be closed, the critical infrastructure such as power, telephone, water, waste water and other key resources of the City as well as the region may be severely impacted, food and water is scarce, there is the potential for building collapse, major power outages or other emergency, opening emergency sheltering might be necessary. Response is hampered due to the road conditions and staff has been engaged in snow operations for over 15 hours already.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DECLARED, that a local emergency exists throughout the City of Alexandria, and

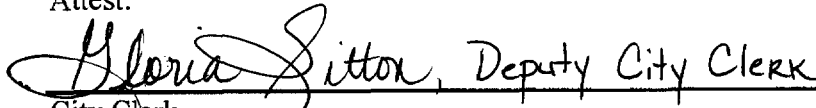
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This declaration is effective December 19, 2009

This declaration shall expire at 12:01 a.m., Tuesday, December 22, 2009, unless extended or sooner terminated by the Director of Emergency Management in writing.


James K Hartmann, City Manager
Director of Emergency Management

Attest:


Gloria Sinton, Deputy City Clerk
City Clerk
City of Alexandria, Virginia