



**CITY OF CLEVELAND, GEORGIA
MAYOR'S EMERGENCY DECLARATION**

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Cleveland empowers the Mayor to declare a local State of Emergency when conditions threaten the health, safety, life, or property of the citizens of the City, and further authorizes the Mayor to carry out all reasonable provisions deemed necessary to address such emergency conditions; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service is characterizing the current weather event as a major ice storm, with White County located within the forecasted epicenter of the highest expected impacts, including hazardous travel, falling trees, power outages, and dangerous conditions; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 20-93 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cleveland provides authority for the Mayor to declare that an emergency exists when, in his opinion, one or more of the following conditions are present or imminent:

1. Extreme danger or likelihood of destruction of life or property due to unusual conditions;
2. Unusual or extreme weather conditions making public areas difficult or impossible to traverse;
3. Significant disruption to essential services, including impeded emergency response, public safety operations, and access to critical infrastructure;
4. Stoppage or loss of electrical power affecting a major portion of the City; and

WHEREAS, the forecasted ice storm conditions are expected to create one or more of the above-described emergency conditions within the City of Cleveland; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland must act promptly to protect public safety, preserve life and property, maintain essential services, and coordinate response efforts with county, state, and federal emergency operations;

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Josh Turner, Mayor of the City of Cleveland, Georgia, do hereby declare that a State of Emergency exists within the corporate limits of the City of Cleveland, effective this 24th day of January, 2026, and do hereby order the following:

1. All City departments are directed to take such actions as are necessary and appropriate to respond to this emergency, including but not limited to public safety operations, public works snow and ice control, and resource mobilization;
2. All City officials and employees shall cooperate fully with White County Emergency Management, the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and any other state or federal agencies or entities as appropriate;
3. All residents and visitors are directed to comply with public safety communications, warnings, and directives issued during this emergency;
4. This declaration authorizes City staff to proceed immediately with the emergency procurement of services, equipment, and materials necessary to protect City property and maintain essential services, in accordance with the emergency procurement provisions of the City's Procurement Policy.

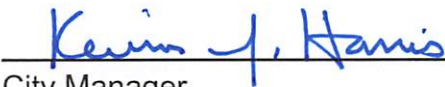
This declaration shall remain in effect until rescinded by the Mayor or until conditions no longer present a threat to life or property.

SO DECLARED AND ORDERED, this 24th day of January, 2026.



Mayor, City of Cleveland, Georgia

ATTEST:



City Manager