

February 10th, 2026
Town Council
Regular Meeting
Res. No.

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING TOWN STAFF TO PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE FISCAL ANALYSIS AND AFTER-ACTION REPORT REGARDING THE RESPONSE TO WINTER STORM FERN

WHEREAS, Winter Storm Fern impacted the Town of Warrenton from January 24 through February 4, 2026, delivering significant snowfall, record-breaking sleet totals, and over 150 consecutive hours of subfreezing temperatures; and

WHEREAS, the Interim Town Manager, in coordination with the Emergency Management Coordinator, declared a Local State of Emergency on January 22, 2026, in accordance with Virginia Code § 44-146.21; and

WHEREAS, preliminary estimates indicate approximately \$250,000 in preparation, response, and recovery costs related to personnel, contractor support, and materials; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council seeks to ensure fiscal transparency and evaluate the effectiveness of the strategic infrastructure investments made in the FY26 budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Warrenton Town Council that:

1. Fiscal Impact Analysis: Town staff is hereby directed to develop a detailed fiscal analysis of Winter Storm Fern for presentation at the March 2026 meeting. This analysis shall outline the total budgetary impact of the emergency response and specify the supplemental appropriations required to reconcile FY26 overtime and operational expenditures.
2. After-Action Reporting: Staff shall provide a comprehensive report detailing the performance of the Virginia Public Assistance (PA) process, including the status of damage survey reports and eligibility determinations for state and federal cost-sharing.
3. Operational Review: The report shall further evaluate the effectiveness of inter-agency cooperation and the specific impact of the newly acquired FY26 Wheel Loader and specialized snowplow attachments in managing "snow-crete" conditions.

ATTACHMENT: None

Votes:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent from Vote:

Absent from Meeting:

For Information:

Emergency Manager

ATTEST: _____
Town Recorder