



PRESS RELEASE

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Town Of Warrenton Declares Local Emergency Ahead of Significant Winter Storm; Snow Emergency Routes Activated

WARRENTON, VA – In response to an impending significant winter storm, Interim Town Manager Christopher Martino has officially declared a **State of Local Emergency** for the Town of Warrenton, effective at **8:00 AM on Thursday, January 22, 2026**. This proactive measure is designed to allow residents, business owners, and Town staff sufficient time to prepare for hazardous conditions and to ensure the continuity of vital public services.

The National Weather Service (NWS) has advised of a possible **Moderate Winter Storm Threat** for the region, effective Saturday, January 24, through Sunday, January 25. Forecasters indicate rapidly increasing confidence in a major weather event.

- **Extreme Cold:** Following the snowfall, a prolonged Arctic air mass will settle into the area. Temperatures are expected to remain well below freezing for several days, creating a risk for refreezing and dangerous wind chills.

Pursuant to Chapter 10 of the Town Code, Christopher Martino has also ordered the activation of the **Snow Emergency Routes** effective **Saturday, January 24, 2026, at 8:00 AM**. This activation will remain in effect for 72 hours unless otherwise revoked.

To facilitate effective snow removal and ensure emergency vehicle access, **parking is strictly prohibited on all designated Snow Emergency Routes**. Vehicles remaining on these routes after 12:00 PM Saturday may be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense.

Designated Snow Emergency Routes

Alexandria Pike	East Lee Street	Main Street
Bear Wallow Road	East Shirley Avenue	Old Broadview Avenue
Blackwell Road	Falmouth Street	Waterloo Road
Broadview Avenue	Frost Avenue	Waterloo Street
Carriage House Lane (between West Shirley Avenue and Veterans Drive)	Keith Street	West Lee Street (between Culpeper Street and Keith Street)
Culpeper Street	Lee Highway	West Shirley Avenue
		Winchester Street

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