

Proclamation

Declaration of Local Emergency by Director of Emergency Services

- Whereas,** Section 2-24.6 of the City of Alameda Municipal Code empowers the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency, or to proclaim the continued existence of a local emergency, when the City is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the City Council is not in session; and
- Whereas,** the Director of Emergency Services of the City of Alameda does hereby find conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the City, caused by severe winter storms related to a series of atmospheric river systems bringing high winds, substantial precipitation, and urban flooding beginning on December 27, 2022; and
- Whereas,** additional and continuing storms related to this series of atmospheric river systems threaten Alameda, bringing heavy rainfall, expected flooding, strong winds and wind gusts, falling debris, downed trees, and power outages, and these conditions were, and are likely to continue to be, beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City; and
- Whereas,** Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist throughout California on January 4, 2023, that will assist local governments and protect public health and the environment; and
- Whereas,** Government Code, Section 8630 requires local agencies that have declared local emergencies to review the existence of such emergencies every 60 days to determine whether the local emergency continues to exist; and
- Whereas,** the City Council of the City of Alameda is not scheduled to meet in regular session until January 17, 2023, the Council cannot immediately be called into session, and the declaration of the local emergency will end on January 11, 2023 unless extended by the Director of Emergency Services; and
- Whereas,** conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property exist within the City, caused by severe winter storms related to a series of atmospheric river systems.

Now, therefore, it is hereby proclaimed that a local emergency, due to severe winter storms and the damage that have caused and will continue to cause throughout the City; and

It is further proclaimed and ordered that during the existence of the local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of this City shall be those prescribed by state law, by ordinances, and resolutions of this City, and by the City of Alameda Emergency Operations Plan, as approved by the City Council.

This emergency proclamation shall expire on January 11, 2023 unless extended by the City Manager and confirmed and ratified by the governing body of the City of Alameda on or before January 17, 2023.



Jennifer Ott
Director of Emergency Services



Dated: January 4, 2023