

CITY OF SALEM
EMERGENCY ORDER - EXTENDED
No. 021321-2
(Weather Event)

TO: SALEM CITY COUNCIL

FROM: SALEM CITY MANAGER, Salem, Oregon

On February 13, 2021, Oregon Governor Kate Brown declared a state of emergency in multiple Oregon counties, including Marion and Polk counties, due to winter storm conditions. The storm has caused significant dangerous conditions from fallen trees and power outages, threatening City infrastructure including the water and wastewater systems, and traffic control systems.

The City of Salem has deployed resources to maintain safe streets, clear fallen trees, and to ensure the safe and continued operation of City infrastructure.

On February 14, 2021, Pursuant to SRC 2.660-2.680, the City Manager, acting as the City's Emergency Program Manager, declared a state of emergency for Salem effective February 13, 2021. The declaration was set to expire, as set forth therein, on February 20, 2021. In order to maintain recovery operations, it is necessary to extend the state of emergency through midnight, March 15, 2021.

- 1) The emergency or threatened conditions are threats to health and safety of community residents and threat of property damage from; fallen trees, blocked roads, downed power lines, water and wastewater system disruption, inoperable traffic management and traffic light control systems, natural gas leaks, and electrical power disruption.
- 2) The location or geographic area affected is: city of Salem.
- 3) The resources committed and actions initiated by the City are:

- a) The City Manager, or designee, is authorized to activate the Emergency Operations Center;
 - b) The City Manager, or designee, is authorized to spend city funds to reduce the threat to life and property;
 - c) The City Manager, or designee, is authorized to enter into agreements with service providers for clean-up and protection of City infrastructure;
 - d) The City Manager, or designee, as the City's Emergency Program Manager, may issue additional orders to address the emergency conditions as permitted by SRC 2.680.
 - e) A property owner, or their agent, is not required to obtain a permit to remove a City tree that has fallen onto the owner's property.
 - f) A permit under SRC 86.060 for tree removal or pruning of a City tree is not required if the City's Urban Forester has issued written approval to remove or prune the City tree upon the Urban Forester's determination that the City tree is structurally unsound and poses an imminent threat to people or property.
- 4) Effective Date: This Order is effective retroactive to February 13, 2021 coinciding with the City's initial emergency response to the weather event.
- 5) Duration: This emergency order and temporary actions set forth herein are hereby extended and in effect until March 15, 2021.


Steve Powers, City Manager

Date: February 14, 2021