



Town of Carthage

Resolution

A RESOLUTION DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE TOWN OF CARTHAGE, NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statutes § 166A-19.22 authorize the governing body of a municipality to declare a **Local State of Emergency** when it determines that an emergency exists or is imminent; and § 166A-19.3(6) defines “emergency” to include weather-related events that create an imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property;

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute § 166A-19.31 authorizes municipalities to **impose prohibitions and restrictions**—including curfews, movement restrictions, area closures, and other measures—during a declared State of Emergency as conditions warrant;

WHEREAS, forecasts from the National Weather Service and emergency management officials indicate that a **major winter storm** with **significant ice accumulation** is imminent, posing risks of hazardous travel, downed trees, power outages, and threats to public safety across the Town of Carthage; and the **Governor of North Carolina** has declared a State of Emergency to support statewide preparations;

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Commissioners finds that these conditions represent an **imminent threat** requiring immediate action to protect life, safety, property, and essential services, and that a local declaration will facilitate coordination with county, state, utility, and emergency partners;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of Commissioners of the Town of Carthage:

1. Declaration of Local State of Emergency

A **Local State of Emergency** is hereby **declared**, effective **Saturday, January 24, 2026 through Friday, January 30, 2026**, within the **corporate limits of the Town of Carthage** (“Emergency Area”), pursuant to **NCGS § 166A-19.22**. This declaration shall remain in effect until modified or terminated by the Town Board.

2. Authorization to Implement Emergency Prohibitions and Restrictions

To provide flexibility as storm conditions evolve, the Town Board hereby **authorizes the implementation of any prohibitions and restrictions permitted under NCGS § 166A-19.31**, including but not limited to:

- **Curfews**
- **Restrictions on movement or travel**
- **Restrictions on access to certain areas**
- **Temporary closures of streets, facilities, or public spaces**
- **Restrictions on dangerous weapons or substances, as permitted by law**
- **Limitations on operations of businesses or activities that create or increase hazards**

Specific times, locations, or details of any curfews or restrictions will be issued, amended, or terminated by subsequent proclamation as conditions warrant, without requiring

amendment of this resolution. This approach is consistent with statutory authority and accepted emergency management practice for rapidly evolving weather events.

3. Activation of Emergency Operations

The Town Manager is directed to **activate emergency operations**, coordinate with **Moore County Emergency Management, North Carolina Emergency Management**, public safety agencies, utilities, and partner organizations, and to allocate resources necessary to protect life and property.

4. Public Notice and Anti-Price Gouging

The Town Clerk shall **publish this declaration immediately** and distribute it to media outlets, the Town website, and public information channels.
Residents are advised that the State of Emergency activates **North Carolina’s anti-price gouging laws**.

5. Amendments, Updates, and Termination

The Town Board may modify, expand, or rescind this declaration as conditions change.
A termination notice shall be issued when the Local State of Emergency is rescinded.

The foregoing resolution, having been submitted to a vote, received the following vote and was duly adopted and ordained this 23rd day of January 2026.

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent/Excused:

Jimmy Chalfinch, Mayor

Attest:

Kimberly Gibson, Town Clerk