



**Town of Forest City
Declaration of a State of Emergency**

Section 1 Pursuant to the Town of Forest City Code of Ordinances Chapter 7 Civil Emergencies and Chapter 166A of North Carolina's General Statutes, I have determined that a State of Emergency as defined in the County's State of Emergency Ordinance and under N.C. Gen. Stat. §166A-19.3(6) does exist in the Town of Forest City because there is an imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from a natural weather-related cause due to winter weather referenced as "Winter Storm Fern" throughout Forest City, beginning the 23rd day of January, 2026.

Section 2 I, thereby, proclaim the existence of a State of Emergency in the Town of Forest City.

Section 3 I hereby order all Town law enforcement officers and employees and all other Emergency management personnel subject to my control to cooperate in enforcement and implementation of the provisions of the Town emergency ordinances outlined in Chapter 7 of the Town of Forest City Code of Ordinances, including as set forth below.

Section 4 I do hereby make the following restrictions and prohibitions due to their necessity to maintain an acceptable level of public order and services, and to protect lives, safety of property of the citizens of Forest City, the said restrictions and prohibitions as follows:

- (a) The State of Emergency and restrictions and prohibitions imposed herein shall apply to the following "Prescribed Area";
All areas within the jurisdiction of the Town of Forest City.
- (b) The Police Chief, or his designee, may deny or restrict access to such areas as he deems necessary by order, clearly posted notice or barricade indicating access to such areas is denied or restricted. The restriction or denial of access to such areas shall be such as the Police Chief or his designee deem as reasonably necessary to promote efforts being made to overcome the emergency or to prevent further aggravation of the emergency.
- (c) Such other activities or conditions the control of which may be reasonably necessary to maintain order and protect lives or property during the state of emergency, within the Prescribed Area.

Section 5 Town personnel are authorized to establish emergency shelters and to expend necessary Town funds to provide temporary congregate care for Town of Forest City citizens.

Section 6 Town personnel shall work in cooperation to assure the needs of the Town of Forest City are met to the extent possible with the full use of Town, State, and Federal resources.

Section 7 The State of Emergency has been extended until terminated in writing pursuant to Chapter 7 Civil Emergencies in the Town of Forest City Code of Ordinances.

Section 8 Declared this 23rd day of January, 2026 at 7:00am.

Steve Holland, Mayor