

Resolution No. 2026-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COATESVILLE DECLARING AND CONTINUING A STATE OF EMERGENCY

ISSUED: January 22, 2026

EFFECTIVE: January 22, 2026

RATIFIED: February 9, 2026

DUE TO CONTINUED SNOW RECOVERY EFFORTS AND PENDING WEATHER FORECAST

WHEREAS, the City of Coatesville ("City") is a Home Rule Municipality operating pursuant to its Home Rule Charter and the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, beginning on or after 12:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 24, 2026, and continuing through Tuesday, January 27, 2026, the City experienced a major and unforeseen winter storm producing severe snowfall, ice accumulation, hazardous travel conditions, and impediments to emergency operations; and

WHEREAS, the impacts of said winter storm have caused and continue to threaten dangerous road conditions, municipal and residential property damage, obstruction of emergency services, and risks to the safety and welfare of residents, businesses, and emergency responders; and

WHEREAS, continued snow removal, ice mitigation, infrastructure repair, and recovery efforts remain necessary, and additional winter weather events are forecasted or reasonably anticipated; and

WHEREAS, the severity and ongoing effects of the winter storm endanger the health, safety, and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing in the City and may require continued aid and assistance from Chester County and/or Commonwealth of Pennsylvania agencies; and

WHEREAS, immediate, flexible, and proactive emergency management measures are required to address ongoing recovery operations, prepare for additional weather events, and protect life, safety, welfare, and property within the City; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Resolution is to activate and continue the response and recovery components of all applicable state, county, and local emergency management plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance under those plans; and

WHEREAS, at the request and direction of the City Emergency Management Coordinator, the City Manager has requested continuation of a Declaration of State of Emergency in accordance with Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, 35 Pa. C.S. §

7101 et seq., and consistent with Section 19-1 of the City's General Laws, thereby authorizing the powers set forth in Section 19-2 of the City Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

By the City Council of the City of Coatesville, Chester County, Pennsylvania, pursuant to the authority granted by Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, the City's Home Rule Charter, and all other applicable law, that:

Section 1. Declaration of Disaster Emergency

A disaster emergency is hereby declared to exist and continue within the City of Coatesville due to ongoing winter storm recovery operations and anticipated additional hazardous weather conditions.

Section 2. Continuation and Effective Date

The Declaration of State of Emergency originally issued on January 22, 2026, is hereby **continued and reaffirmed**, effective through February 28, 2026, and shall remain in effect until such date unless terminated or extended by action of City Council or as otherwise authorized by law.

Section 3. Emergency Management Authority

The City Emergency Management Coordinator is authorized to continue coordination of emergency response and recovery activities, to take all appropriate actions to alleviate the effects of the disaster, to restore essential public services, and to implement preparedness measures for any additional winter weather events.

Section 4. Administrative and Contractual Powers

The Emergency Management Coordinator and City Manager are authorized to act as necessary to meet the ongoing and contingent demands of this emergency, including but not limited to:

- Employment of temporary workers;
- Rental of equipment;

- Purchase of supplies and materials;
- Execution of contracts and agreements for public work and emergency services;

All without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities normally required by law, mandatory constitutional requirements excepted.

Section 5. Snow Emergency Routes (Contingent Activation)

During periods of declared snow or ice emergency conditions, parking is strictly prohibited on the following designated Snow Emergency Routes. Vehicles parked in violation may be ticketed and/or towed at the owner's expense:

- a. Lincoln Highway, from bridge to bridge (both north and south sides);
 - b. Strode Avenue, from Lincoln Highway to the southern city line (both east and west sides);
 - c. Pennsylvania Avenue (west side only);
 - d. Chestnut Street (south side only);
 - e. Oak Street, from First Avenue to Eighth Avenue (south side only);
 - f. Charles Street, from Church Street to the western city line (south side only);
 - g. Third Avenue, from Oak Street to Coates Street.
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Section 6. Temporary Public Parking (As Needed)

The following City-owned public parking lots shall be made available for temporary parking during snow emergency periods as conditions warrant:

- a. Patton Park Lot – Maple Avenue & Third Avenue;
 - b. Maple Avenue & Third Avenue Lot;
 - c. City Hall Parking Lots – Third Avenue & Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard;
 - d. 300 East Lincoln Highway & Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard Lot.
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Section 7. Intergovernmental Notification

Upon adoption or execution of this Resolution, the City Manager and/or Emergency Management Coordinator shall transmit a true and correct copy to:

- Chester County Department of Emergency Services; and
 - Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA).
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Section 8. Extension and Ratification Contingency

City Council acknowledges that it may be necessary and appropriate to further ratify, amend, or extend this Declaration of State of Emergency beyond February 28, 2026, depending upon weather conditions, recovery progress, or additional emergencies.

Section 9. Temporary Suspension of Conflicting Provisions

All City ordinances, resolutions, rules, or regulations, or parts thereof, that conflict with the provisions of this Resolution are hereby temporarily suspended for the duration of the declared State of Emergency.

ADOPTED this 9th day of February, 2026.

COATESVILLE CITY COUNCIL

By:



Linda Lavender Norris, Council President

ATTEST:



James Logan, City Manager