

CITY OF COATESVILLE
CITY OF COATESVILLE DECLARES STATE OF EMERGENCY

ISSUED ON JANUARY 22, 2026, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 24, 2026

DUE TO IMPENDING WINTER STORM

WHEREAS, the City of Coatesville ("City") is a Home Rule Municipality operating pursuant to a 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 is expected to experience a **major and unforeseen winter storm**, producing severe snowfall, ice accumulation, hazardous travel conditions, and impediments to emergency operations; and

WHEREAS, this winter storm has caused or threatens to cause dangerous road conditions, municipal and residential property damage, obstruction of emergency services, and significant risk to the safety and welfare of residents, businesses and the City's emergency services responders in the City; and

WHEREAS, the severity of this winter storm endangers the health, safety, and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing in the City, and may require aid and assistance from Chester County and/or Pennsylvania government agencies; and

WHEREAS, immediate and proactive emergency management measures are required to mitigate the severity of the storm and to protect life, safety, welfare, and property within the City; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this proclamation and ordinance is to activate 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

WHEREAS, at the request and direction of the City Emergency Management Coordinator the City Manager has requested that a Declaration of State of Emergency be issued 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, in accordance with the foregoing authority, in particular the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Service Code, 35. Pa.C.S. §7101 et seq., and incorporating all rights and powers granted to the City of Coatesville under its Home Rule Charter, the Pennsylvania Emergency Management

Services Code, and other applicable law, we the undersigned do hereby **PROCLAIM** and **ORDAIN** as follows:

1. The existence of a disaster emergency.
2. A Declaration of State of Emergency for the City of Coatesville on **January 22, 2026**, effective **January 24, 2026** to ensure immediate response capability to the winter storm.
3. The Emergency Management Coordinator of the City of Coatesville is authorized to coordinate the activities of the emergency response, to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of this disaster, to aid in the restoration of essential public services, and to take any other emergency response action deemed necessary to respond to this emergency.
4. Officials of the City of Coatesville, namely the Emergency Management Coordinator and Manager are authorized to act as necessary to meet the current demands of this emergency, namely: by the employment of temporary workers, by the rental of equipment, by the purchase of supplies and materials, and by entering into such contracts and agreements for the performance of public work as may be required to meet the emergency, all without regard to those time-consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law, mandatory constitutional requirements excepted.
5. During the period of emergency, **parking is strictly prohibited** on the following **Snow Emergency Routes** and any 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.
6. The following public parking lots of the City of Coatesville shall be available for temporary parking during the snow emergency:
 - 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.**

7. Upon execution, the City Manager and/or Emergency Management Coordinator shall email a true and correct copy of this document to: the Chester County Department of Emergency Services; and, the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA).
8. The undersigned acknowledge that it may be necessary and appropriate to ratify this **January 22, 2026** Declaration of State of Emergency and extend its effects beyond **January 24, 2026**.
9. All of the City's ordinances, resolutions, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, which conflicting with any provision of this Declaration of State of Emergency are temporarily suspended for the duration of the Declaration of the State of Emergency by the City of Coatesville.

PROCLAIMED and ORDAINED this 22 day of **January 2026**.



Linda Lavender-Norris, President, City Council

ATTEST:



James Logan, City Manager