

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE**

**DECLARATION OF A  
LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY**

The following declaration is issued by Board of Commissioners of Buncombe County:

WHEREAS, on Thursday, January 13, 2022, Governor Roy Cooper signed a State of Emergency declaration Executive Order No. 247 authorizing the mobilization of resources for the winter storm that is expected to hit the State this weekend and which will influence public safety and transportation over the next few days as it constitutes an imminent threat of injury, damage to property, and bodily injury.

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that as much as 14 inches of snow may fall in Buncombe County during this weather event.

WHEREAS, in the judgment of Buncombe County Emergency Management personnel arrangements must be made immediately to implement plans for the prevention of, preparation for, response to, and recovery from any and all emergency situations that may result from the impacts of this storm.

WHEREAS, the implementation of such Emergency Management plans will allow sufficient personnel to be mobilized and positioned in order to:

- a) Reduce vulnerability of people and property of Buncombe County to damage, injury, and loss of life and property;
- b) Prepare for prompt and efficient rescue, care, and treatment of threatened or affected persons;
- c) Coordinate with state and federal agencies for the orderly rehabilitation of persons and restoration of property; and

d) Provide for cooperation and coordination of activities relating to emergency mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery among agencies and officials of Buncombe County and with similar agencies and officials of other counties, with state and federal governments, with interstate organizations, and with other private and quasi-official organizations.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority contained in Ch. 21, Buncombe County Code of Ordinances and Article 1A of the N.C.G.S. Chapter 166A, the Board of Commissioners, do hereby declare a Local State of Emergency for Buncombe County starting at 9:00 p.m., Saturday, January 15, 2022 and ending at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

We further declare that the Emergency Management Plan adopted by Buncombe County, and that all applicable mutual assistance compacts and agreements are in effect and shall remain in effect until this Declaration expires or is rescinded. All emergency management personnel are hereby ordered to cooperate in the implementations of the provisions of the County's Emergency Management Plan and all applicable mutual assistance compacts and agreements, and to furnish assistance thereunder.

We direct that copies of this Declaration be disseminated to the mass communications media for publication and broadcast, and that a copy of this Declaration be posted at the County Courthouse and other public buildings as appropriate.

If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this order or any application of it to any person, structure, gathering, or circumstance is held to be invalid

or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then such decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this order.

By and with the consent of the mayors of the following named municipalities within Buncombe County, this order applies within the municipal limits of the City of Asheville, the Town of Biltmore Forest, the Town of Black Mountain, the Town of Montreat, the Town of Woodfin, the Town of Weaverville.

This order may be executed in one or more counterparts by PDF or other electronic transmission, each of which shall be deemed an original and which, when taken together, shall constitute one document.


This declaration shall remain in effect as described herein and be effective from 9:00 p.m., Saturday, January 15, 2022 and ending at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, or unless otherwise repealed, replaced, or rescinded, and may be extended based on weather conditions.

Adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE  
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

  
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Lamar Joyner, Clerk

By:   
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Brownie Newman, Chairman