



CITY OF SAINT PAUL
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City of Saint Paul Emergency No Parking Zone and Emergency Parking Restrictions Declaration

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota has experienced severe winter weather conditions resulting in a Governor's Declaration of Peacetime Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul in Ramsey County, Minnesota, is currently experiencing extreme winter conditions; and

WHEREAS, there have been 31 days with measurable snowfall in the Twin Cities during the winter of 2013-2014 through January 31, including an additional 9.9 inches of snowfall February 20-21, which is far higher than normal; and

WHEREAS, as of February 26th, the average temperature this winter in the Twin Cities is 10.0 degrees, which ties the record for the 9th coldest winter on record; and

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul Fire Department and Department of Public Works have conducted a survey of city streets and have concluded dangerous conditions exist as a result of the repeated snowfalls and extremely cold temperatures; and

WHEREAS, conditions caused by repeated accumulating snowfall, accompanied by extremely cold temperatures have resulted in a threat to public safety, health, and welfare, due to hazardous road conditions which impede the free movement of fire, health, police, emergency or other vehicular traffic, or otherwise endanger the safety and welfare of the community, and

WHEREAS, narrowing of streets and alleys has resulted in Fire Department emergency response vehicles not being able to access parts of the city and in other situations, not being able to operate public safety equipment, and increased risk of collisions.

NOW, THEREFORE, Mayor Christopher B. Coleman of the City of Saint Paul declares, requests, and directs as follows:

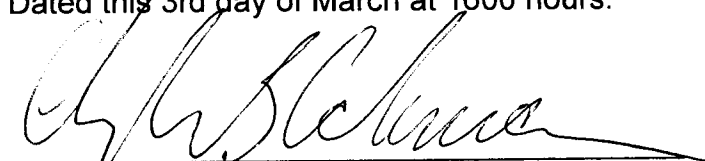
1. Under the authority given in Minnesota Statutes 12.29, declares that a state of emergency exists within Saint Paul, effective February 27, 2014, with all the powers and responsibilities attending thereto as provided by Chapter 12, Minnesota Statutes, and Saint Paul Legislative Code, Chapter 13.
2. Emergency regulations are hereby promulgated in this executive order consistent with Legislative Code Chapter 161, in order to handle this emergency as if it were a declared snow emergency under that Chapter.

3. The following regulations set forth in Legislative Code Chapter 161 are hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein: Section 161.04, Section 161.05, Section 161.06, and Section 161.07; and Section 161.04 is hereby amended for purposes of this emergency regulation to state:

Any vehicle stopped, parked, abandoned or otherwise left unattended in violation of this Emergency Declaration is hereby declared to be an obstruction to the public streets and shall be punishable as a petty misdemeanor.

4. The Saint Paul Director of Public Works is directed to implement necessary emergency measures, including the establishment of no parking zones in order to provide for safer and improved movement of fire, health, police, emergency or other vehicular traffic. Towing of vehicles in violation of this declaration is deemed necessary in order to allow immediate improved access for emergency vehicles and to reduce the risk of collisions, and shall be conducted in accordance with Legislative Code Sections 161.04 -161.07, as amended herein.
5. Parking will only be allowed on the odd-numbered side of all residential streets until conditions allow the city to lift the ban. Parking is also allowed on both sides of non-residential streets unless otherwise posted. Even-numbered sides of residential streets shall be deemed no parking zones until the emergency is abated or until further notice.
6. As of Saturday, March 1, any vehicles parked on the even-numbered side of residential streets will be issued a warning ticket. Beginning Monday, March 3, on the first day of this emergency, any vehicles violating the ban will be ticketed and towed.
7. All city departments and offices are directed to operate and support the response to this incident, under the direction and coordination of the Department of Public Works.
8. The Mayor requests that the City Council convene at its earliest convenience to discuss the situation and this declaration. This state of local emergency may not be continued for a period in excess of three days except by or with the consent of the Council of the City of Saint Paul.
9. Orders that this declaration be given prompt and general publicity and that it be filed promptly by the City Clerk.

Dated this 3rd day of March at 1600 hours.



Mayor of the City of Saint Paul