

City of Saint Paul Emergency Declaration

April 4, 2023

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul, located within Ramsey County, Minnesota, has received rapid snowmelt, combined with heavy rains and warmer temperatures, that is expected to cause major flooding in the City of Saint Paul beginning April 10, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 spring flood event has the potential to cause a significant amount of public and private property damage; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service forecasts the Mississippi River in Saint Paul to enter major flood stage shortly as a direct result of the ongoing snowmelt and flooding; and

WHEREAS, while the resources of the City's protective measures for our residents and infrastructure are fully committed, the necessary resources to respond to and recover from this disaster exceed those resources available within the City, and additional resources will be needed from Ramsey County, and state and federal sources, and

WHEREAS, the 2023 spring flood event has placed the population of Saint Paul at risk and threatened critical infrastructure and essential City services, and river flooding will exacerbate these impacts.

NOW, THEREFORE, MAYOR MELVIN CARTER, III, 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 April 4, 2023, with all the powers and responsibilities attending thereto as provided by Chapter 12, Minnesota Statute, and Saint Paul Legislative Code, Chapter 13;
2. Directs the Saint Paul Director of Emergency Management to request and coordinate appropriate aid and resources from surrounding jurisdictions, the Ramsey County Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, and the State of Minnesota, as needed;
3. Directs the Saint Paul Director of Emergency Management to coordinate the damage survey teams with local governments and assist in the administration of the disaster recovery process, as needed;
4. Requests the City Council convene an emergency session at its earliest convenience to discuss the situation and this declaration, and 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, and
5. Orders that this declaration be given prompt and general publicity and that it be filed promptly by the City Clerk.

Dated this 4th day of April 2023.



Mayor Melvin Carter
City of Saint Paul