



Date of Council Meeting: February 9, 2016

**TOWN OF LEESBURG  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**Subject:** Town Council Consent of Declaration of Local Emergency

**Staff Contact:** Barbara Notar, Town Attorney

**Council Action Requested:** Consent to the Declaration and Lifting of the Local Emergency by the Town Manager

**Staff Recommendation:** Town Council should consent to the Town Manager's Declaration of Local Emergency and the lifting of the same.

**Commission Recommendation:** Not applicable.

**Fiscal Impact:** The total fiscal impact of the local emergency has not yet been determined.

**Work Plan Impact:** The total extent of the impact on the Town's Work Plan has not yet been determined.

**Executive Summary:** The Town Code, which mirrors the Virginia State Code, requires the consent of Council to approve the declaration of a local emergency and the lifting of the same.

**Background:** The Town Manager, acting as the Director of Emergency Management, declared a local emergency after the Governor of Virginia declared a State of Emergency on Friday, January 22, 2016. The Town Manager lifted the emergency on Monday, February 1, 2016. The Town Code and the State Code require that the Town Council consent to both these acts by the Director of Emergency Management.

Attachment:

- 1) Resolution

**DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY  
TOWN OF LEESBURG, VIRGINIA**



**WHEREAS**, a major winter storm is anticipated to affect the Commonwealth of Virginia commencing Friday, January 22, 2016 and into the weekend bringing blizzard like conditions including significant snowfall, sleet, freezing rain and wind gusts up to 50 mph; and

**WHEREAS**, the effects of the winter storm will have significant public safety implications; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a perpetual threat of unpredictable emergency occurrences during this period; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia has declared a state of emergency for the Commonwealth on Thursday, January 21, 2016 in preparation of the impact this winter storm will have on the Commonwealth; and

**WHEREAS**, these conditions pose a threat of substantial injury and harm to the public and substantial damage to and loss of property, and will potentially result in requirement for the inter-agency and inter-governmental coordination; and

**WHEREAS**, under the best circumstances intense coordinated governmental actions will be required to prevent and alleviate the damage and loss threatened by the event.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DECLARED**, that, effective January 22, 2016 at 7:00 a.m. a local emergency exists throughout the Town of Leesburg because the circumstances associated with the major winter storm create the threat of an emergency that threatens to be sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant coordinated local government action to prevent or alleviate the damage, loss, hardship or suffering threatened pursuant to the Code of Virginia §44-146.16 et seq. and §44-146.26 (a); the Town Code Chapter 12 Emergency Management and Emergency Services et seq.

**IT IS FURTHER DECLARED** that the Town of Leesburg Emergency Operations Plan is now in effect.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kaj H. Dentler", is written over a horizontal line.

Kaj H. Dentler, Town Manager  
Director of Emergency Management

PRESENTED \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTED \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION: CONSENT FOR THE JANUARY 2016 “DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY”

WHEREAS, a major winter storm affected the Commonwealth of Virginia commencing Friday, January 22, 2016 and into the weekend bringing blizzard like conditions including significant snowfall, sleet, freezing rain and wind gusts up to 50 mph; and

WHEREAS, there was a perpetual threat of unpredictable emergency occurrences during this period; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia declared a state of emergency for the Commonwealth on Thursday, January 21, 2016 in preparation for the major winter storm; and

WHEREAS, those conditions posed a threat of substantial injury and harm to the public and substantial damage to and loss of property, and resulted in the requirement for inter-agency and inter-governmental coordination.

THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Council of the Town of Leesburg in Virginia that the Town Council consents to the “Declaration of Emergency” executed by the Town Manager on Friday, January 22, 2016 at 7:00 a.m., and further consents to the lifting of the Declaration of Emergency which occurred on Monday, February 01, 2016.

PASSED this 9 day of February, 2016.

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Kelly Burk, Vice Mayor  
Town of Leesburg

ATTEST:

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Clerk of Council

