
WHEREAS, Chapter 11, Section 11-29 of the City of Shawnee Code of Ordinances and Title 21 Section 1321.1 et al. of the Oklahoma Statutes empowers the Mayor of the City of Shawnee to proclaim a state of emergency when the City of Shawnee is threatened by a local emergency that affects the life, health, property or the public peace;

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2021, the Governor of the State of Oklahoma declared a disaster emergency caused by severe winter weather in all 77 Oklahoma counties that threatens the public’s peace, health, and safety pursuant to Executive Order 2021-06;

WHEREAS, extreme freezing temperatures and severe winter weather, including snow, freezing rain, and wind beginning February 7, 2021 and continuing are expected to cause damage to public and private properties and utilities, including electric, gas, and water systems within the State of Oklahoma, causing an undue hardship on the citizens of this State, including the citizens of the City of Shawnee;

WHEREAS, the event is consistent with the definition of “disaster” as defined by Section 683.3 of the Oklahoma Emergency Management Act of 2003, as amended and;

WHEREAS, the event is consistent with the definition of “disaster” as defined in Section 11-27 of Chapter 11 of the Code of the City of Shawnee and;

WHEREAS, Section 683.3 states that a “state of emergency shall be deemed to exist whenever, by reason of a disaster, such state of emergency is legally proclaimed by proper authority as provided in this article and that “such state of emergency shall continue [in the affected areas] until terminated by proclamation of proper authority as provided in this article,” and;

WHEREAS, Section 11-29 (a) of Chapter 11 of the Code of the City of Shawnee provides that the Mayor after finding that a disaster exists which affects life, health, property or the public peace, may proclaim a state of emergency in the area affected and;

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Shawnee does hereby find that conditions affecting public order, life, health, property or the public peace have arisen within the City of Shawnee caused by unprecedented severe winter weather;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local emergency now exists in the entirety of the City of Shawnee, State of Oklahoma;
I HEREBY DIRECT that the City Emergency Operations Plan be implemented and:

I DO FURTHER DIRECT that public notice of this proclamation and state of emergency shall be given by the City Clerk and to as many local news media outlets as may be practical.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that the Mayor of the City of Shawnee is empowered to evoke the powers enumerated in Chapter 20, Section 20.4 of the City of Shawnee Code of Ordinances; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that this state of emergency shall continue for a period of thirty (30) days.

Dated: 2/1/21

By: [Signature]
Ed Bolt, Mayor

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Kacie Eck, Senior Deputy City Clerk (Seal)