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MOUNT VERNON—Mayor Boudreau has declared a severe weather event; an act which allows qualifying severe weather locations within the city of Mount Vernon to swiftly obtain permits to open and operate.

With the National Weather Service predicting temperatures at or below freezing for multiple days in the week ahead; outside living conditions for unsheltered individuals is considered to be high-risk.

The City has provided a streamlined process by which a location may qualify for operating as a shelter. The code was last utilized in March of 2019 when Skagit County Government registered its Senior Center facility on Cleveland Avenue for a severe weather shelter. Currently, no organization has notified the City of plans to operate a severe weather shelter within city limits.

Qualifying entities interested in obtaining a temporary severe weather shelter permit should contact the City of Mount Vernon's Development Services Department at (360) 336-6214.

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Executive Order Proclaiming a Severe Weather Emergency In the City of Mount Vernon, WA

Consistent with the general police powers vested in the City of Mount Vernon and its Mayor through applicable law, including without limitation Chapter 38.52 RCW and Ordinance No. 3780, Chapter 8.50 MVMC, the following Executive Order Proclaiming an Severe Weather Emergency in the City of Mount Vernon is hereby issued, which Order provides as follows:

1. Conditions exist or have been forecasted that meet or exceed the criteria of Severe weather as set forth in Chapter 8.50 of the Mount Vernon Municipal Code; and
2. As a result the Mayor has determined a severe weather event in anticipation of freezing and subfreezing temperatures in the days, and possibly weeks, ahead.
3. City Officials are authorized to issue temporary use permits as provided in Chapter 8.50 of the Mount Vernon Municipal Code for severe weather shelters. A notice of any temporary use permit issued pursuant to this Order shall be provided to applicable emergency service providers.
4. A copy of this Order shall immediately be delivered to the Mount Vernon City Council, Mount Vernon Police Department, Mount Vernon Fire Department, and Skagit County Department of Emergency Management.
5. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until terminated by the issuance of a subsequent written Order which shall follow when the Office of the Mayor determines that the severe weather event has concluded.

Dated this 20th day of December, 2021.



Jill Boudreau
Mayor

Approved as to Form:



Kevin Rogerson
City Attorney