

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF CHARLESTON AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, IN CONSULTATION WITH PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICIALS, TO UNDERTAKE SUCH ACTION AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS OF CHARLESTON, IN CITY COUNCIL ASSEMBLED:

Section 1. Findings. On January 3, 2018, a winter storm struck the City of Charleston, resulting in freezing temperatures, icy road conditions and in excess of four inches of snow. The storm rendered major thoroughfares and bridges into, out of and around the City impassable and dangerous for travel. Storm conditions persist as freezing temperatures have prevented ice from melting. City Council finds that these conditions posed, and continue to pose, a threat to the public, and that It is necessary and proper and in the interest of the health and safety of the public that the Mayor be authorized to impose reasonable regulations pertaining to the use of the streets and other public properties in the City while storm conditions persist in order to accommodate the provision of emergency services and safe passage for those requiring the use of the streets. City Council finds a state of emergency has existed in the City since January 3, 2018, and continues to exist, and in accordance with the authority devolved upon City Council by the Home Rule Act and the South Carolina Constitution, this emergency ordinance is enacted.

Section 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized, while winter storm conditions exist in the City and after consulting with City and/or other public safety officials, to impose such regulations as he may deem advisable, on the use of the streets or other public properties in the City, to include but not be limited to the closure of streets and public properties to vehicles or pedestrians and the imposition of a curfew.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately and expire sixty (60) days hereafter or upon the termination of state of emergency caused by the winter storm conditions, whichever occurs first.

Ratified in City Council this ____ day of
January, 2018 and in the ____ Year of the
Independence of the United States of America.

John J. Tecklenburg, Mayor

Attest:

Clerk of Council