



OFFICE OF MAYOR
TED WHEELER

City of Portland

IN THE MATTER OF THE)
LOCAL EMERGENCY) **Emergency Declaration Due to**
WITHIN THE CITY OF PORTLAND) **Extreme Heat**
DECLARED FOR AUGUST 11-15, 2021)

WHEREAS, the Portland metropolitan area is forecasted to experience extreme heat that threatens the City's residents, especially the most vulnerable members of our community; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service has issued an excessive heat warning from Wednesday, August 11 through the evening of Saturday, August 14; and

WHEREAS, Wednesday, August 11 will be the first day of increasingly high temperatures; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service predicts that heat on Wednesday will pose high risk for much of the population, especially those who are heat sensitive and those without effective cooling and/or adequate hydration; and

WHEREAS, forecasts predict that by Friday, August 13 the heat will pose a very high risk for the entire population due to the long duration of heat, with little to no relief overnight; and

WHEREAS, the City of Portland is activating cooling centers in public buildings and water misting stations in public parks; and

WHEREAS, the City of Portland must marshal any and all available resources to support relief efforts and address the threats posed by high temperatures to the inhabitants of the City.

THEREFORE, pursuant to my authority under the Portland City Charter, City Code, and any other applicable law, I hereby Order as follows:

1. **State of Emergency.** A State of Emergency exists within the City of Portland under Portland City Code Chapter 15.04 effective at **Noon on August 11, 2021.**
2. **Unified Command.** The City's response to the emergency shall be managed under a unified command led by the Director of Bureau of Emergency Management.
3. **Cooling Centers.** The unified command led by the Director of the Bureau of Emergency Management is hereby authorized to designate appropriate City-owned or operated indoor facilities to be open to the public, including without limitation appropriate community centers and other public buildings, but excluding public safety critical infrastructure, for the purpose of providing a safe indoor space for members of the public to avoid high temperatures. Any costs associated with opening the City-owned or operated indoor facilities for purposes of responding to this emergency shall be tracked and borne by the respective bureau owning or operating the facility, and bureaus are authorized to request funding in the Budget Monitoring Process, if necessary, to offset any budget impacts resulting from the City's response to the emergency.
4. **Additional Responses.** The unified command led by the Director of the Bureau of Emergency Management is authorized to provide additional services to the public and vulnerable communities in response to the threats caused by the excessive heat. These additional services may include, but are not limited to, water, misting stations, electrolytes and cooling towels, and transportation to cooling stations.
5. **City Employees.** City employees should avoid extreme high outdoor temperatures and also support the City's effort to address this emergency. Pursuant to HRAR 4.11, City employees who are regularly assigned to work outdoors may, with the approval of their supervisor, report to perform their

regular work responsibilities at an indoor facility or authorized vehicle. If an employee cannot adequately perform their normal work functions in an indoor facility or vehicle, as determined by their supervisor, the employees shall not be required to report to work outdoors and shall be paid for time not worked. City employees are encouraged to assist at an indoor facility to support the City's effort to address this emergency. City employees who are exempt from the Fair Labor Standards Act, but who work extended hours to meet the needs of the City during this emergency are authorized to receive hour for hour overtime. All personnel costs associated with supporting the City's efforts to respond to this emergency shall be tracked and borne by the respective bureaus for whom the employees regularly work, and bureaus are authorized to request funding in the Budget Monitoring Process, if necessary, to offset any budget impacts resulting from the City's response to the emergency.

6. **Financial Resources.** The Director of the Bureau of Emergency Management, or their designee, is hereby directed to pursue any and all available financial resources from any lawful source whatsoever that may be used to protect and promote the public health, safety and welfare from the threats of heat, and otherwise respond to the threats giving rise to this Emergency Declaration.

7. Other Provisions.

- a. In addition to any other power that may lawfully be exercised by local government, the powers listed in PCC 15.08.020.B are vested in the Mayor.
- b. For the duration of this emergency, unless otherwise specified by the Mayor and subject to the terms of this Emergency Declaration, the unified command, and any orders issued under the authority of this declaration, the current bureau assignments to the members of the City Council shall remain in effect as delegated authority under PCC 15.08.020.A.
- c. This State of Emergency shall remain in effect through **11:59 PM on Sunday, August 15, 2021**, unless otherwise extended, modified, or terminated.

- d. If any provision of this Declaration of Emergency, or any Emergency Orders, directives, commands, or other orders issued under the authority of the Declaration, or their application to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, then the remainder of the duly exercised authority, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of the Declaration of Emergency, or any Emergency Orders, directives, commands, or other orders issued under the authority of the Declaration, are severable.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

Dated this 10th day of August, 2021

City of Portland, Oregon

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ted Wheeler', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

By: _____

Ted Wheeler, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Robert Taylor, City Attorney
For Portland, Oregon