



**OFFICE OF MAYOR
TED WHEELER**

City of Portland

**IN THE MATTER OF THE)
LOCAL EMERGENCY)
WITHIN THE CITY OF PORTLAND)
DECLARED FOR July 2, 2024)**

**Emergency Declaration Due to
Extreme Heat
"ED-2024-03"**

WHEREAS, the Portland metropolitan area is forecast to experience major heat risk event that threatens the well-being of City's residents, beginning on July 4, 2024, and continuing through July 7, 2024; and

WHEREAS, NWS forecasts the temperature in Portland Metro region to reach triple digits on Saturday, July 6, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service has issued an excessive heat warning beginning Friday July 5, 2023, through Sunday July 7, 2024, and

WHEREAS, several City bureaus are below normal staffing levels due to July 4th holiday; and

WHEREAS, the inclement weather also poses a risk of power outages, and other interruptions in utility services; and

WHEREAS, the emergency caused by inclement weather is also compounded by the existing Housing Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the following conditions exist, or are projected to exist, justifying an emergency declaration due to inclement weather: emergency shelters becoming overwhelmed, transit service disrupted, City's critical facilities significantly disrupted, resources for cooling supplies for vulnerable people becoming depleted, emergency workers unable to travel, and City bureau's staffing levels become insufficient; and

WHEREAS, the City of Portland must marshal any and all available resources to confront the immediate threats posed by inclement weather to the city and its inhabitants.

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 City Code Chapter 15.04 effective at **12:00 p.m. on Tuesday July 02,2024.**

2. Mayor's Designee. The Director of the Bureau of Emergency Management or their designee shall serve as the Mayor's designee under this Emergency Declaration. City employees shall cooperate and support the Mayor's designee in the centralization of City resources and efforts related to addressing the purposes of this Emergency Declaration. In addition to other priority tasks, the Mayor's designee will undertake to:

- a. **Expedited Response and Recovery.** Ensure an expedited and coordinated response to the impacts of the excessive heat.
- b. **Executive Policy Group and Command Structure.** Establish, as may be necessary, an Executive Policy Group to set incident priorities and provide policy direction and support, and an Incident or Unified Command or Recovery Operations Center, to set incident objectives and direct all City resources.
- c. **Emergency Procurements.** Shall have all authority authorized under Portland City Code 5.33.135, including but not limited to, the authority to award Emergency Procurement Contracts without competition for the acquisition of goods, services, construction services, and public improvements for the purpose of responding to this Emergency Declaration.
- d. **Costs Associated with Response and Recovery.** All costs associated with supporting the City's efforts to respond to and recover from this emergency shall be tracked and borne by the respective bureaus. The Mayor's Designee is authorized to charge expenses to the City's emergency expense fund, as allowable. Bureaus will be provided further instructions.
- e. **Financial Resources.** The Mayor's Designee shall 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 to the public health and environment, and otherwise respond to the threats giving rise to this Emergency Declaration.
- f. **Coordination.** Coordinate with government and other partners as the Mayor's Designee deems appropriate to respond to the State of Emergency.

3. Command Structure. The City's response to the emergency shall be managed under by Incident Command or Unified Command appointed by the by the Director of the Bureau of Emergency Management or the designee.

4. Cooling Centers. The Incident or Unified Command 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 the extreme heat. 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.

5. Additional Responses. The Incident or Unified Command 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 cooling towels, outreach, and transportation to cooling centers.

6. City Employees. HR Administrative Rule 4.11, Inclement Weather, is in effect for the duration of this emergency, and Mayor's designee will coordinate with the Bureau of Human Resources to provide additional guidance to City employees regarding the requirements of HRAR 4.11.

7. Other Provisions.

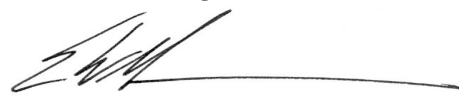
a. In addition to any other power that may lawfully be exercised by local government, the powers listed in PCC 15.08.020.B are vested in the Mayor.

b. This State of Emergency shall remain in effect through **11:59 A.m. on July 16, 2024**, unless otherwise extended, modified, or terminated.

c. 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 3rd day of July, 2024

City of Portland, Oregon

By: 

Ted Wheeler, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Robert Taylor, City Attorney
For Portland, Oregon