

PRESS RELEASE – City of Leavenworth Declares State of Emergency

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CITY OF LEAVENWORTH DECLARES EMERGENCY AND REQUESTS AID FROM NATIONAL GUARD DUE TO RECORD-BREAKING SNOWFALL

LEAVENWORTH, WA – Mayor Carl Florea has declared a disaster in the City of Leavenworth due to unprecedented and record-breaking snowfall. The City of Leavenworth received 36” of snow in under 24 hours on January 6th, 2022. Some microclimate pockets have now received up to 48” in the last 48 hours, causing concern for life safety and structure stability in the community at large.

The emergency declaration allows the City to use local resources that can aid quickly, instead of going through a normal bidding process, and is a pre-requisite for state and federal emergency aid funding.

In addition, Mayor Florea approved Tom Wachholder, Public Works Director, to request aid from the National Guard for assistance with citizen welfare checks, food delivery, general snow cleanup, and private driveway snow removal. Director Wachholder is working with local contractors and services to provide emergency aid including snow storage and snow removal.

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