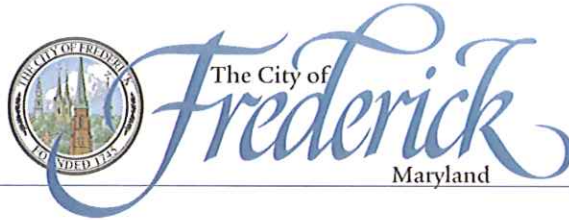


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NEWS RELEASE

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FREDERICK, MD – May 16, 2018: Mayor O'Connor Declares Local State of Emergency

Mayor Michael O'Connor issues Executive Order No. 18-1 Declaration of Local State of Emergency on May 16, 2018.

This declaration provides our City the opportunity to take advantage of any state and federal assistance that may be available. While Tuesday's rain was relatively short in duration and very intense, its effects are still being felt by many of our residents and businesses, and will be for some time. It is also acknowledgement that severe weather and flooding scenarios remain possibilities through the remainder of the week, as the ground is saturated. I urge our residents to sign up for the government emergency alerts available through the City and Frederick County, and to take all warnings seriously.

I also want to extend my thanks, on behalf of all our residents and businesses, to our dedicated Police Department and Public Works employees who have remained vigilant throughout, and continue to be ready to respond.

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**THE CITY OF FREDERICK
EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 18-1
DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the City of Frederick (the "City") has suffered serious damage constituting a local emergency caused by a severe storm event, including heavy rainfall, commencing on May 15, 2018; and

WHEREAS, such storm event resulted in areas of high water, flooding, disabled vehicles, and damage to real and personal property, both privately and publicly owned; and

WHEREAS, the Maryland Annotated Code, Public Safety Article, § 14-111, allows the principal executive officer to declare a local state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the City's Charter, the Mayor is the principal executive officer of the City; and

WHEREAS, the declaration of a local emergency at this time will aid the City in the response and recovery aspects of the City's emergency plans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FREDERICK, MARYLAND, that:

1. A local emergency exists within the City.
2. City residents are strongly encouraged to avoid standing water, to keep storm drains on or adjacent to their property clear of debris, to use caution when driving, and to follow the directives of the City and the County with respect to road closures and other such matters.
3. This declaration will be given prompt and general publicity and a copy will be filed promptly with the City's Legislative Clerk and with the Division of Emergency Management of the Maryland Department of Local Affairs.
4. This declaration shall be effective immediately upon its issuance and shall remain in effect until it is lifted by executive order of the Mayor or continued by the Board of Aldermen.

Dated at FREDERICK, MARYLAND, this 16th day of May, in the year of 2018, at 4:30 AM (PM)



Michael C. O'Connor
Mayor, The City of Frederick

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

