

THE CITY OF NEW YORK OFFICE OF THE MAYOR NEW YORK, N.Y. 10007

## EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 96 DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

March 20, 2018

## WINTER WEATHER EMERGENCY DECLARATION

WHEREAS, the public safety is imperiled by a severe snow storm that is expected to interrupt the flow of traffic, restrict the operation of emergency vehicles and impede the delivery of essential goods and services;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to restrict vehicular traffic as provided herein in order to protect life and property and to allow for rapid and effective snow removal;

NOW THEREFORE, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of New York pursuant to law, including Executive Law § 24 and Vehicle and Traffic Law § 1602, I hereby proclaim a state of local emergency in the City of New York and order:

- Section 1. The public is urged to avoid all unnecessary driving effective Wednesday, March 21, 2018, 8:00 AM to Wednesday, March 21, 2018, 11:59 PM and use public transportation wherever possible. Members of the public who must drive due to an emergency shall use extreme caution.
- Section 2. Any vehicle found to be blocking roadways or impeding the ability to plow streets shall be subject to towing.
- Section 3. The Emergency Management, Fire, Police, Sanitation, and Transportation Commissioners shall take all appropriate and necessary steps to preserve public safety and to render all required and available assistance to protect the security, well-being and health of the residents of the City.
- Section 4. New York City public schools and public school buildings shall be closed on March 21, 2018.

Section 5. Alternate side of the street parking rules shall be suspended Wednesday, March 21, 2018 and Thursday, March 22, 2018.

Section 6. In accordance with Executive Law §24, any person who knowingly violates the provisions of this order shall be guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

Section 7. This order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect for two days unless extended or sooner revoked.

Bill de Blasio

MAYOR