



**FOUR OAKS, N.C.**  
**DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY**

**Whereas**, current weather forecasts indicate that a winter storm is anticipated to hit the State of North Carolina starting on or about January 30, 2026, causing significant impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, the storm is predicted to impact regions of North Carolina, including Four Oaks, causing significant impacts to public and private property and could seriously disrupt essential utility services and systems; and

**WHEREAS**, because of the above-described emergency, I have determined that there is an imminent threat of, or existing conditions have caused or will cause widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property, and public safety authorities will be unable to maintain public order or afford adequate protection for lives or property; and

**WHEREAS**, declaring a State of Emergency and imposing the restrictions and prohibitions ordered herein is necessary to maintain order and protect public health, safety, and welfare, and to secure property.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the Town of Four Oaks under Chapter 166A-19.3 and 166A-19.22 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Chapter 92, Emergency Management, of the Town of Four Oaks Code of Ordinances:

**Section 1.** A State of Emergency is hereby declared within Four Oaks, NC.

**Section 2.** The emergency area covered by this state of emergency includes all areas within the jurisdiction of the Town of Four Oaks.

**Section 3.** The following restrictions and prohibitions shall be observed during the proclaimed emergency.

- Movements of people in public places; and
- The operation of offices, business establishments, and other places to or from which people may travel or at which they may congregate; and
- The possession, transportation, sale, purchase, and consumption of alcoholic beverages; and
- The possession, transportation, sale, purchase, storage, and use of dangerous weapons and substances, and gasoline; and
- Other activities or conditions, the control of which may be reasonably necessary to maintain order and protect lives or property during the state of emergency.

**Section 4.** I hereby order all Town of Four Oaks law enforcement officers and employees and all other emergency management personnel subject to our control to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the provisions of this Declaration, all applicable local ordinances, state and federal laws, and the Johnston County Emergency Operations Plan.

**Section 5.** I hereby order this declaration: (a) to be posted on the Town's website and Johnston County's WebEOC as required by N.C.G.S. 166A-19.31(d); (b) to be distributed to the news media and other organizations calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public; (c) to be filed with Clerk of The Town of Four Oaks; and (d) to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this declaration.

**Section 6.** This declaration shall take effect on January 30, 2026, and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

**DECLARED** this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026

  
Rhonda Lee, Town Clerk

  
Mike Hines, Mayor