



OFFICE OF MAYOR  
TED WHEELER

## City of Portland

IN THE MATTER OF THE )  
LOCAL EMERGENCY )     **Emergency Declaration Due to**  
WITHIN THE CITY OF PORTLAND )     **Extreme Heat**  
DECLARED ON JULY 22, 2022 )

**WHEREAS**, the Portland metropolitan area is forecasted to experience extreme heat that threatens the City’s residents, especially the most vulnerable members of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, forecasts predict that temperatures have the potential to reach into the mid-100s on Tuesday, July 26, 2022 through Friday, July 29, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Weather Service has forecasted a high-risk heat event; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Weather Service predicts that heat could pose high risk for much of the population, especially those who are heat sensitive and those without effective cooling and/or adequate hydration; and

**WHEREAS**, City of Portland will activate cooling centers in public buildings and water misting stations in public parks; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Portland must marshal any and all available resources to support relief efforts and address the threats posed by high temperatures to the inhabitants of the City.

**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 under Portland City Code Chapter 15.04.
2. **Unified Command.** The City's response to the emergency shall be managed under a unified command led by the Director of Bureau of Emergency Management, supported by other bureaus or offices, as requested by the Director.
3. **Cooling Centers.** The unified command led by the Director of the Bureau of Emergency Management 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 high temperatures. 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.
4. **Additional Responses.** The unified command led by the Director of the Bureau of Emergency Management 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, water, misting stations, electrolytes and cooling towels, and transportation to cooling stations.
5. **City Employees.** City employees should avoid extreme outdoor temperatures and also support the City's effort to address this emergency. Pursuant to HRAR 4.11, and as defined and linked here: [City of Portland Administrative Rules](#). All personnel costs associated with supporting the City's efforts to respond to this emergency shall be tracked by the respective bureaus for whom the employees regularly work.
6. **Financial Resources.** The Director of the Bureau of Emergency Management, or their designee, is hereby directed to 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 of heat, and otherwise respond to the threats giving rise to this Emergency Declaration.
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. For the duration of this emergency, unless otherwise specified by the Mayor and subject to the terms of this Emergency Declaration, the unified command, and any orders issued under the authority of this declaration, the current bureau assignments to the members of the City Council shall remain in effect as delegated authority under PCC 15.08.020.A.
- c. This State of Emergency shall remain in effect through 10:00 PM on Sunday, July 30, 2022, unless otherwise extended, modified, or terminated.
- d. 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July 2022  
City of Portland, Oregon**

By:  \_\_\_\_\_

**Ted Wheeler, Mayor**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**  
Robert Taylor, City Attorney  
For Portland, Oregon