

CITY OF NEENAH, WISCONSIN

PROCLAMATION DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY WITHIN THE CITY OF NEENAH

WHEREAS, Section 323.11 of the Wisconsin Statutes authorizes the governing body of a local unit of government to declare, by ordinance or resolution, that an emergency exists whenever conditions arise by reason of a disaster, or the imminent threat of a disaster, that impairs transportation, food or fuel supplies, medical care, fire, health, or police protection, or other critical systems of the local unit of government; and

WHEREAS, Section 323.14(4) of the Wisconsin Statutes confers upon the governing body during such an emergency the general authority to order whatever is necessary and expedient for the health, safety, protection, and welfare of persons and property within the City; and

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2026, a tornado struck the City of Neenah and surrounding communities, causing structural damage to buildings, downed trees and power lines, and disruption to utility service and roadways; and

WHEREAS, the event has impaired transportation, utility service, and the delivery of emergency services within the City, satisfying the conditions set forth in Section 323.11 of the Wisconsin Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the neighboring City of Menasha and Village of Fox Crossing have sustained more significant damage, and coordinated regional response and mutual aid are warranted; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor being absent from the City, Council President Daniel Steiner is serving as Acting Mayor pursuant to Neenah Municipal Code Chapter 2.2, Section 222 (f) and applicable law; and

WHEREAS, the Acting Mayor finds that declaring a local state of emergency is necessary to protect public health and safety, to authorize emergency expenditures and procurement, to enable the deployment of City resources and the provision of mutual aid, and to document response costs and damages for potential state and federal assistance.

NOW, THEREFORE, AS PROCLAIMED by the Acting Mayor of the City of Neenah, Winnebago County, Wisconsin, as follows:

Section 1. Declaration. A local state of emergency is hereby declared to exist within the corporate limits of the City of Neenah as a result of the event described above.

Section 2. Effective Time and Scope. This declaration is effective as of 5:30 p.m. on July 27, 2026, and applies throughout the corporate limits of the City of Neenah.

Section 3. Emergency Powers. During the period of this emergency, the City may exercise all powers conferred under Section 323.14(4) of the Wisconsin Statutes, including but not limited to the authority to bar, restrict, or remove unnecessary vehicular and pedestrian traffic from public ways, to restrict access to affected areas, and to take such other actions as are necessary and expedient for the protection of persons and property.

Section 4. Authorization to Act. The Acting Mayor and the City's Director of Emergency Government are authorized to take all actions reasonably necessary to respond to the emergency, including the emergency procurement of goods, equipment, and services without regard to standard bidding and purchasing procedures, and the authorization of necessary overtime and personnel deployment. Emergency expenditures shall be documented and reported to the Common Council.

Section 5. Mutual Aid. The Acting Mayor and appropriate City officials are authorized to request, provide, and coordinate mutual aid, including under the Wisconsin Intrastate Mutual Aid System (Section 323.80, Wis. Stats.), and to render assistance to the City of Menasha, the Village of Fox Crossing, and other affected jurisdictions.

Section 6. Coordination. City officials shall coordinate the City's response with Winnebago County Emergency Management and Wisconsin Emergency Management, and shall provide damage and cost information as requested to support any regional, state, or federal assistance determinations.

Section 7. Documentation. City staff shall document all response and recovery costs, damage to public and private property, and resources provided and received, in a form suitable for submission for state or federal disaster assistance.

Section 8. Duration and Termination. This local state of emergency shall remain in effect until terminated or extended by action of the Acting Mayor. The Acting Mayor shall recommend termination when emergency conditions no longer warrant its continuation.

Section 9. Ratification. To the extent the Acting Mayor issued a proclamation declaring this emergency pursuant to Section 323.14(4)(b), Wis. Stats., all actions taken thereunder are hereby ratified and confirmed.

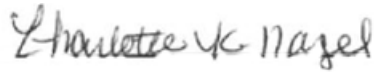
Section 10. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Adopted this 27th day of July, 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel Steiner", with a stylized, flowing script.

Daniel Steiner, Council President serving as Acting Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charlotte K Nagel".

Char Nagel, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "David Rashid".

David Rashid, City Attorney