



DAVIE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

January 2026 Winter Storm Fern

WHEREAS, current weather projections indicate that Winter Storm Fern is anticipated to impact the State of North Carolina beginning on or about January 24, 2026, creating hazardous travel conditions and potential infrastructure impacts; and

WHEREAS, Winter Storm Fern is predicted to impact Davie County, causing or threatening significant damage to public and private property, disruption of transportation routes, and interruption of 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 that public safety authorities may be unable to maintain public order or provide adequate protection for lives and property without emergency action; and

WHEREAS, declaring a State of Emergency and imposing restrictions or directives as necessary is required to maintain order and protect public health, safety, and welfare, and to secure property;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chair of the Davie County Board of Commissioners under Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes, including N.C.G.S. 166A-19.3 and 166A-19.22, Article 36A of Chapter 14 of the North Carolina General Statutes, and Davie County Emergency Management Ordinances:

Section 1. A State of Emergency is hereby declared within Davie County.

Section 2. The emergency area covered by this declaration includes all areas within the jurisdiction of Davie County.

Section 3. I hereby order all Davie County law enforcement officers, county employees, and emergency management personnel subject to county authority to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of this Declaration, all applicable local ordinances, state and federal laws, and the Davie County Emergency Operations Plan.

Section 4. The Sheriff or his designees, and all other law enforcement officers in Davie County, are hereby authorized to deny or restrict access to any area, street, highway, or location within Davie County when reasonably necessary to support emergency response operations or to prevent further aggravation of the emergency.



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Section 5. Execution of Emergency Operations Plan: All civilians and emergency management personnel are ordered to comply with the Davie County Emergency Operations Plan and all lawful emergency directives issued pursuant to this declaration.

Section 6. There are no restrictions or prohibitions imposed at this time; however, such restrictions may be implemented as deemed necessary and appropriate to protect public safety.

Section 7. I hereby order this declaration to be:

- (a) Posted on the Davie County website in accordance with N.C.G.S. 166A-19.31(d);
- (b) Distributed to news media and other organizations to ensure public awareness;
- (c) Filed with the Clerk to the Davie County Board of Commissioners; and
- (d) Distributed as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this declaration.

Section 8. This declaration shall become effective immediately upon issuance on this 24 day of January, 2026 at 9:00 a.m., and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

DECLARED this 24th day of January, 2026.

Attest:

Karen E. Logan

Karen Logan,

Clerk to the Board

Benita Finney

Benita Finney, Chair

Davie County Board of Commissioners

