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### **Mayor Sciarra Lifts State of Emergency at 7:00 AM Tuesday, January 27, 2026**

**Northampton Public Schools Closed Today Due to Subcontractor’s Bus Driver Shortage  
Parking System Fees Resume for all City Parking Spaces at 10:00 AM  
Municipal Offices Open at 8:30 AM**

NORTHAMPTON – Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra will lift the declared State of Emergency necessitated by Winter Storm Fern at 7:00 AM on Tuesday, January 27, 2026. This lifts all bans on on-street parking as of 7:00 am, and the usual fees for parking in the city where applicable will resume at 10:00 AM tomorrow.

Residents who do not wish to be charged for parking at the E.J. Gare Garage after that time must remove their cars before 11:00 am (because as always, the first hour is free). Northampton Public Schools will have a two-hour delay tomorrow. Municipal Offices will open at their normal time, 8:30 AM.

There is still significant snow removal to be done throughout the city. Many DPW plowing professionals have worked many hours since the start of the storm, and will spend time today resting and resume clearing overnight and onward this week.

“The snow continues to fall, and there’s still a ton of work to do to dig out from this storm. Our DPW, Parking Management, and Public Safety teams have been working hard around the clock, and I thank them for the excellent job they’ve done so far. We will safely get to the rest of the cleanup as quickly as possible. In the meantime, I ask everyone to stay safe and to do their part as we recover as a community from this storm,” shared Mayor Sciarra.

Snow emergencies and alerts are always posted at [northamptonma.gov](http://northamptonma.gov) and on the city’s Facebook and Instagram pages. Residents will also receive CodeRED calls, texts, and emails ([sign up HERE](#)), and blue lights at 13 major intersections will activate during this time. The Snow Emergency Hotline at 413-586-6969 is available for recorded updates.

Again, please help make it possible for everyone to get where they need to go once it is safe. Residents are reminded that City Ordinance § 285-17 requires property owners to shovel sidewalks, including curb ramps/cuts, and to treat ice within 24 hours of a snowstorm (or by 9:00 a.m. the next business day in commercial districts) to avoid a \$50 fine. Sidewalks and especially curb cuts may require attention more than once during a large storm, where plows make multiple passes on city streets.

For more information, contact the Mayor’s Office at 413-587-1249 or [mayor@northamptonma.gov](mailto:mayor@northamptonma.gov).