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### **Mayor Sciarra Lifts State of Emergency at 10:00 AM Tuesday, February 24, 2026**

**On-street parking ban continues to be in effect until 10am tomorrow.  
All city parking lots are available for parking at this time.**

**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 the recent winter storm at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, February 24, 2026. This lifts all bans on on-street parking as of 10:00 am, and the usual fees for parking in the city where applicable will resume at 10:00 AM tomorrow.

Effective immediately, all city parking lots are available for parking at this time. No towing will take place in city parking lots. Residents are advised that the Armory Lot and the Hampton Avenue Lot are the least clear lots so far.

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). 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.

“Thankfully, we missed the worst of this storm, but there is still a great deal of snow to clear. I commend the hard work and dedication of our DPW, Parking Management, and Public Safety teams, and I thank them for the excellent job they have done so far. As they continue the citywide cleanup, I ask residents to check on neighbors, assist anyone who may need help, and keep sidewalks and especially fire hydrants clear as we recover together from this storm,” said 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.

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, fire hydrants, 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).