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STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION

A State of Emergency is hereby declared in the City of Niagara Falls, County of Niagara, State of New York, effective at 3:00 a.m./p.m. on the 20 day of July, 2026. This local state of emergency has been declared due to the reasonable apprehension of impending and urgent threats or dangers to public health and public safety posed by:

- (1) Numerous private property owners throughout the city have neglected to cut the grass, weeds, and brush on their property for many weeks, if at all this year. This has placed many residential areas of the city at risk of a conflagration, which becomes more likely as we approach August, typically the driest month of the year. In addition to the risk of fires that could quickly start from something as small as a discarded cigarette butt, and then rapidly spread to nearby single- and multifamily homes, many of which are older wood-frame structures, tall grass, weeds, and brush pose other immediate health hazards, including infestation and disease outbreak related to vermin and tick harborage, as well as the obstruction of sightlines needed for motorists and pedestrians to safely navigate our many city streets and intersections.
- (2) The presence of numerous deteriorated roadways in need of resurfacing throughout the city due to the presence of potholes, as well as cracked and crumbling asphalt surfaces, all of which pose a particular danger to the surge of bicycles, e-bikes, e-scooters, minibikes, mini motorcycles, ATVs, motorcycles, and other mobility devices being operated both lawfully and unlawfully on our city streets by people of all ages, with or without helmets.
- (3) The above impending dangers have been further exacerbated by the City Council's failure, if not outright refusal, to award contracts that were properly bid out and resulted in the identification of two lowest responsible bidders who have the capability to provide immediate mitigation of the above-described dangers.

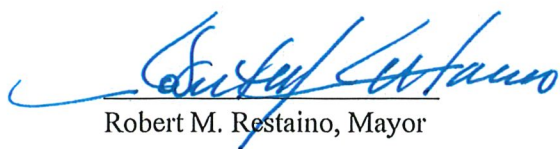
All of the above conditions threaten a "disaster" as that term is defined by NY Executive Law Section 20(2)(a).

This State of Emergency will remain in effect for thirty (30) days, if not extended by additional proclamations, or until rescinded by subsequent order.

As the Chief Executive of the City of Niagara Falls, New York, I, Robert M. Restaino, exercise the authority given me under Section 24 of the New York State Executive Law to preserve the public safety and hereby render all required and available assistance vital to the security, well-being, and health of the citizens of this Municipality.

I hereby direct all departments and agencies of the City of Niagara Falls, New York, to take whatever steps necessary to protect life and property, public infrastructure, and provide such emergency assistance deemed necessary.

Date as of the 20 day of JULY, 2026.


Robert M. Restaino, Mayor