

PROCLAMATION

January 24, 2026 @ 2:07 pm
State of Emergency

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service has forecasted a significant ice storm expected to impact the Town of Pendleton, creating hazardous conditions including ice accumulation, power outages, impassable roadways, and threats to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, such conditions may endanger the lives, health, safety, and property of residents, businesses, and visitors of the Town of Pendleton; and

WHEREAS, extraordinary measures may be required to protect life and property, ensure the continuity of essential services, and facilitate emergency response and recovery efforts; and

WHEREAS, staff and I have continuously reviewed the situation, consulted with Anderson County Emergency Management Officials and local government officials in order to determine the need for this proclamation; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of South Carolina, Henry McMaster, has issued Executive Order No. 2026-02 declaring a State of Emergency in anticipation of the same severe winter weather and ice storm conditions expected to impact the region, activating the South Carolina Emergency Operations Plan to mobilize state resources and support local emergency efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Sarah Stokowski, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Town of Pendleton, do hereby proclaim that a State of Emergency exists within the Town of Pendleton effective immediately.

This declaration authorizes all town departments, emergency services, and supporting agencies to take all appropriate and necessary actions to respond to and mitigate the impacts of the ice storm, including but not limited to emergency sheltering, road closures, resource deployment, and coordination with county and state agencies.

This State of Emergency shall remain in effect until terminated by subsequent proclamation.

Dated this 24th day of January, 2026



Sarah Stokowski, Mayor
Town of Pendleton

Amber L. Barnes
Attest: Municipal Clerk