

SNOW & WEATHER EMERGENCY DECLARATION

A DECLARATION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF RISING SUN DECLARING A SNOW EMERGENCY TO PROPERLY ADDRESS THE PENDING SNOWSTORM OF FEBRUARY 22 THROUGH THE 23RD, 2026, AND ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR PARKING, SNOW REMOVAL, AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service and other forecasting agencies are predicting a significant winter storm event for February 22th through the 23rd, with the potential for hazardous road conditions, reduced visibility, and impacts to public safety; and

WHEREAS, excessive snow and potential high wind and blizzard type conditions will impede emergency response, municipal services, and safe travel throughout the Town; and

WHEREAS, snowstorms of this magnitude present significant challenges in many of our neighborhoods to not only remove this snow but to address any other follow up snow storms that might occur in the near future; and

WHEREAS, cooperation from residents, businesses, and property owners is essential for seamless snow removal; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Town code, the Mayor and Commissioners are granted the authority to declare a snow emergency and to regulate parking and traffic movement to allow for effective snow removal operations and to protect life, health, and property

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED, that the Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Rising Sun, acting pursuant to the authority granted under the Town Code, hereby declare a **Snow Emergency, effective Sunday, 8 PM, February 22, 2026**, which shall remain in effect until formally lifted.

This declaration establishes the following regulations, requirements, and restrictions, which shall govern parking, snow removal operations, and related public safety measures during the Snow Emergency period:

SECTION 1: DECLARATION OF SNOW EMERGENCY

A Snow Emergency is declared for pending snow storm expected to extend from February 22 thru the 23rd and this declaration shall remain in effect until rescinded.

SECTION 2: MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS

- A. Town snow removal operations will prioritize emergency access, main roads, and Snow Emergency Routes.

- B. The town will focus on gaining access to the roads, not a complete curb to curb cleaning – this will occur once the storm settles down.
- C. Large snow accumulations may be temporarily stockpiled and relocated as conditions permit.
- D. Public guidance and updates will be issued as conditions evolve and will be posted on the town’s website and social media pages,

SECTION 3: PARKING RESTRICTIONS

During the Snow Emergency, the following regulations shall apply:

- A. Off-Street Parking Requirement. All properties with off-street parking (driveways or private parking areas) must park vehicles off the street and on their driveways or garages. On-street parking shall not be used if off-street options exist.
- B. On-Street Parking (Where Normally Permitted). Where on-street parking is normally allowed and off-street parking is unavailable, vehicles may park only on the **even-numbered** side of the street.
- C. Cul-de-Sacs and Dead Ends. No parking is permitted in any cul-de-sacs or dead ends during the Snow Emergency – (this includes parallel or perpendicular parking). Designated temporary snow storage zones will be marked to facilitate removal after the storm, and parking will be prohibited in these areas until snow removal is complete.
- D. Valley View Residential Development.
 - 1. Residents must park in available designated spaces on a first-come basis.
 - 2. Areas currently stripped off as no parking shall be used for storage of snow – parking or storage in those areas is prohibited.
 - 3. No parking is permitted in any of the travel lanes, at or near dead-end areas in front of fire hydrants or blocking any access roads
- E. Municipal Parking Lot/Town Hall. Although the municipal lot will be open for parking, extended parking is not permitted. The Town will need to have these vehicles moved in order to remove snow from the lot. Please monitor these conditions and work with our crews to move your vehicles as we attempt to keep the parking lot accessible and usable

SECTION 4: ROAD OBSTRUCTIONS

- A. All portable basketball hoops must be removed from the roadway edge and curb area.
- B. All trash and recycling containers must be removed from the roadway edge and curb area unless placed for collection on Tuesday or Thursday.

- C. The Town will work with the trash/recycling company to determine if there will be any delays in collection either Tuesday (recycling) or Thursday (Trash)

SECTION 5: SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES

Walnut Street, Pearl Street, and Pierce Road are designated Snow Emergency Routes. No parking is permitted on these streets during the Snow Emergency.

SECTION 6: ENFORCEMENT

Vehicles in violation of these regulations may be ticketed and towed. Obstructions in the roadway or curb area will be removed.

SECTION 7: PUBLIC GUIDANCE & RECOMMENDATIONS

Snow removal during a storm of this magnitude is challenging for everyone. The Town will make every reasonable effort to mitigate impacts and maintain safe travel conditions; however, snow must be moved, and storage options are limited to the edges of roadways and designated areas.

- A. Residents are advised that plowing operations may temporarily block driveways and sidewalks as streets are cleared. This is an unavoidable part of the snow removal process. To assist with efficient operations, residents are strongly encouraged to place shoveled or blown snow onto their lawns or yard areas and not back into the street.
- B. Cooperation from residents is essential to ensure safe and timely snow removal.

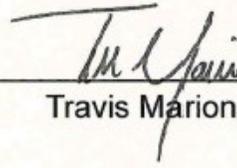
This Snow Emergency Declaration shall remain in effect until officially rescinded by the Town.

Adopted this 22nd day of February, 2026.

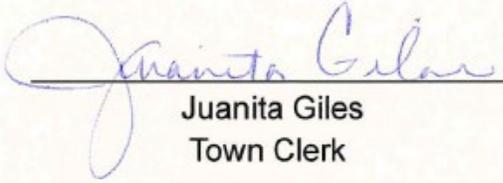
THE MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS OF
THE TOWN OF RISING SUN

ATTEST:

BY:



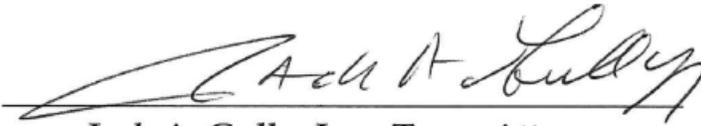
Travis Marion, Mayor



Juanita Giles
Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY
THIS 22nd DAY OF February 2026

BY:



Jack A. Gullo, Jr., - Town Attorney