



Submission date: April 17, 2026

To: Governor, State of Michigan

On April 15, pursuant to Section 10 of 1976 Public Act 390, as amended, I declared that a "state of emergency" exists in The City of Ann Arbor due to an EF-1 tornado which caused widespread and severe damage. The response and recovery elements of the City of Ann Arbor Emergency Operations Plan have been activated, and local resources are being utilized to the fullest possible extent.

The National Weather Service confirmed that an EF-1 tornado touched down in Ann Arbor at 1:44 AM on April 15. The tornado started in the area of Jackson Ave near Interstate 94. The tornado moved southeast and severely damaged Veterans Memorial Park causing the east wall to collapse. The tornado continued through residential areas where there were numerous trees snapped, large tree limbs, and downed power lines. The tornado also damaged Fire Station 3, and left 5,000 locations without power, including 7 schools and The City's Water Treatment Plant lost its main power feed and was operating on its secondary feed. Our dispatch center received 222 calls related to this incident. The Ann Arbor Fire Department responded to 132 calls related to downed power lines and gas leaks. Public Works has received 130 service requests related to downed trees. Businesses sustained damage and several roadways were blocked.

We requested aerial footage of the tornado path and damage that it caused. We've also requested assistance for local damage assessments. The City has activated its debris management plan and a team is coordinating the clean up and removal of vegetative debris that has impacted the city roadways, right of ways, and property. Pending the outcome of the damage assessment we are anticipating the need for additional forestry crews, dump trucks, and front loaders to aid right of away debris removal and City Parks vegetative debris removal operations. Protective measures are in place to maintain the integrity of the wall at Veteran's Memorial Park. City crews are coordinating with DTE to restore power and are addressing downed trees blocking roadways.

Therefore, in accordance with Section 12 of 1976 Public Act 390, as amended, I deem this incident to be beyond the control of this political subdivision and I respectfully request, for and on behalf of the residents of this political subdivision, that you declare that a "state of disaster" or "state of emergency" exists therein and that consideration be given, if conditions warrant, to petitioning the President of the United States for assistance provided by Public Law 93-288, as amended. In support of this request, we will submit specific damage assessment (DA) information through official channels and in accordance with the guidance provided by the Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division of the Michigan State Police (MSP/EMHSD). Furthermore, I understand that this request **will not** be acted upon without sufficient DA information to substantiate the need for assistance, and I acknowledge that it is the responsibility of the City of Ann Arbor to provide that information in the manner prescribed by the MSP/EMHSD.

Accordingly, be advised that Sydney Parmenter, the Emergency Manager for the City of Ann Arbor, will provide liaison and coordination with state and federal authorities for assistance related to this incident, and in accordance with Section 14 of 1976 Public Act 390, as amended, she is directed to transmit this request to the MSP/EMHSD.

Authorized by: Mayor Christopher Taylor

Signature: _____