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City Winter Storm Update

Richmond, VA – While the City continues clearing priority one and two streets, residents are encouraged to limit driving to make the clearing of roads more efficient. The Snow Emergency Routes are no longer restricted to parking; however, residents are still encouraged to leave these routes as clear as possible. Attached is a map of the priority one and two routes.

Trash pick-up is suspended City-wide for today. Collections will resume Wednesday, Feb. 18 and continue through Saturday, Feb. 21.

The City's Cold Weather Overflow Shelter will open tonight, Feb. 17 through Friday, Feb. 20 as overnight temperatures are forecasted to remain at or below 40 degrees during this time period. The overflow shelter is located in the City's Public Safety Building at 505 North 9th Street. The shelter entrance is the second entrance on the 9th Street side of the building closest to Leigh Street. The shelter opens at 7 p.m. and closes the following morning at 6 a.m. Shelter registration will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Pets are not allowed.

The City's Cold Weather Day Warming site is open today, Feb. 16 through Friday, Feb. 20 from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. The day warming site is located in the Public Safety Building, 505 North 9th Street.

Residents in need of shelter are asked to report to Commonwealth Catholic Charities Homeless Point of Entry each day for a comprehensive intake and referral to the appropriate shelter. Commonwealth Catholic Charities Homeless Point of Entry is located at 511 West Grace Street. A referral to the Cold Weather Overflow Shelter will be provided to individuals who are not eligible for an existing shelter or if all available beds have been filled. Individuals seeking access to the Overflow Shelter must have a referral.

For up-to-date information and additional instructions from the City of Richmond during this weather event, please visit www.Richmondgov.com, follow the City on Twitter @CityRichmondVA, and stay tuned to local radio and television stations.