
DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY AND EXECUTIVE ORDER

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF FULTON
CITY OF CANTON**

Pursuant to the authority vested in the office of Mayor by the Illinois Municipal Code (60 ILCS 5/11-1-6), the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act Section 3305/11, and Title 1, Chapter 29 of the Canton Municipal Code (Ordinance No. 4182, as amended), I, Kent McDowell, the Mayor of City of Canton (the “City”), do hereby declare that a Local State of Emergency: (1) existed as of August 16, 2026, when I initially declared a Local State of Emergency; (2) continues to exist as of this date, August 18, 2026; and (3) shall continue until such time as provided in the Canton Municipal Code.

Facts Related to Emergency: According to the National Weather Service, as of 7:00 a.m. on August 16, 2026, the City of Canton has received nearly 10.09 inches of rainfall in the last three (3) days. The 24-hour average recurrence interval across Fulton County has been found to be 1/159 event, meaning the probability of receiving this much rain was 0.63%. Citizens, businesses, and public entities have suffered significant damages due to flooding and storm damage.

Nature of Emergency: The above-described Emergency is a “disaster” as defined under 20 ILCS 3305/4, as amended. There has been an occurrence of widespread or severe damage and loss of property resulting from natural cause, including flooding and storms. Additionally, the above-described Emergency is also an “emergency,” as that term is defined by Section 1-29-1 of the Canton Municipal Code, not only because it is a “disaster,” as defined under 20 ILCS 3305/4, but also because it is a natural disaster and flood within the corporate limits of the city, resulting in or threatening the death or injury of persons or the destruction of property to such an extent that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect the public health, safety and welfare. The abatement and cleaning up of the flood debris and damage is anticipated to be significant.

During the existence of the Local State of Emergency declared hereunder, the Mayor shall execute such authority and executive orders as provided under the Illinois Municipal Code, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, City of Canton Ordinance No. 4182 (as amended), and any other applicable city ordinances or state and/or federal law, including without limitation, issuing any and all such other orders or undertake such other functions and activities as the Mayor reasonably believes is required to protect the health, safety, and welfare of persons or property within the City, including city employees and personnel, or to otherwise preserve the public peace or abate, clean up, or mitigate the effects of any emergency or disaster.

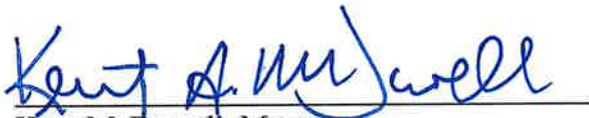
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Executive Order 2026-01 (Renewed): Pursuant to the authority vested in the office of Mayor by the Illinois Municipal Code (60 ILCS 5/11-1-6), Section 11 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act (20 ILCS 3305/11), Title 1, Chapter 29 of the Canton Municipal Code (Ordinance 4182 (as amended)), and by the Declaration of a Local State of Emergency issued above, I, Kent McDowell, the Mayor of City of Canton, do hereby ORDER as follows during the duration of this Executive Order and the above-described Emergency: (A) Bulk item fees associated with property damaged as a result of the above-described Emergency are hereby waived; (B) City personnel shall not charge any Canton citizens additional bulk item pickup charges and shall cause the abatement and clean up of any bulk items (excluding appliances) and additional trash / flood debris associated with the above-described Emergency per further direction by the Mayor and appropriate Superintendent(s); and (C) yard waste resulting from the above-described emergency may be placed on the curb (not in the street or roadway), and City personnel will further be ordered to pick up said yard waste at no charge to any Canton citizen.

This Declaration of Local State of Emergency and Executive Order shall be filed with the City Clerk as soon as practicable.

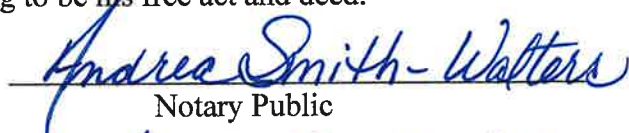
I, KENT McDOWELL, whose name is signed to this instrument, being first duly sworn, signed and executed this instrument as the Declaration of Local State of Emergency and Executive Order, and that I signed willingly, and that I executed it as my free and voluntary act for the purposes therein expressed.

Dated this 18th day of August, 2026.


Kent McDowell, Mayor
City of Canton, Illinois

NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

On this 18th day of August, 2026, Kent McDowell, Mayor of the City of Canton, personally appeared before me and acknowledged the foregoing to be his free act and deed.


Notary Public

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