

## WILKES-BARRE CITY

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### **CITY OF WILKES-BARRE STATE OF EMERGENCY TO BE LIFTED AT 7am TOMORROW, FEBRUARY 15**

**WILKES-BARRE** – Effective at 7:00 a.m. Thursday, February 15, the City of Wilkes-Barre’s state of emergency will be lifted. At that time, vehicle traffic will be allowed on city streets; however, residents are encouraged to use caution while driving.

Today, the city’s Department of Public Works has focused on clearing primary roads and emergency routes, with the assistance of a private contractor. Throughout Thursday, crews will work to remove snow from secondary roads, side streets and alleys.

“We are making progress and appreciate the cooperation of city residents as we respond to this snow emergency,” said Mayor Thomas M. Leighton.

The City of Wilkes-Barre would like to remind residents and businesses that, by law, plowing, shoveling and/or using a snow blower to deposit snow onto city streets is prohibited (Ord. No. 1006, ss:1, 8-1-39; Ord. No. ss: 4, 4-3-62).

Residents are asked to remove snow around fire hydrants in front of or adjacent to their properties to assist the Wilkes-Barre Fire Department in the case of a fire. Residents are also encouraged to assist elderly or handicapped neighbors remove snow from their properties during winter storm events.