



# City of Detroit Detroit City Council

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## Memorandum

**TO:** David Whittaker, Legislative Policy Division  
**THROUGH:** Mary Sheffield, City Council President  
**FROM:** Mary Waters, Councilmember At-Large  
**RE:** Question RE Local State of Emergency Declaration and Access to Funding

Mayor Duggan issued Executive Order EO 2025-1 on Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 in regards to the massive water main failure near Beard and Rowan streets in Southwest Detroit. This EO declares a, "Local State of Emergency" for the affected area.

- Pursuant to Wayne County statutes, as well as State of Michigan statutes, and federal laws and regulations, does this local declaration enable the City of Detroit, DWSD, GLWA, or any other organizations to request additional aid?
- How long will this State of Emergency last?
- What would the impact be, in terms of access to funding, of having Wayne County, the State of Michigan, or the federal government declare a State of Emergency in the affected area?
- What is the difference between a Local State of Emergency and a declaration of a disaster as it relates to emergency funding from the county, state, or federal government?