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MOUNT VERNON—Mayor Boudreau has declared a severe weather event; an act which allows designated severe weather locations within the city of Mount Vernon to open and operate on December 22nd.

With the National Weather Service predicting temperatures reaching at or below 32 degrees for at least two of the next four days, outside living conditions for unsheltered individuals is considered high-risk.

The City has provided a streamlined process by which a location may qualify for operating as a shelter. The code was last utilized in March of 2019 when Skagit County Government registered its Senior Center facility on Cleveland Avenue for a severe weather shelter. Currently, no organization has notified the City of plans to operate a severe weather shelter.

Qualifying entities interested in obtaining a temporary severe weather shelter permit should contact the City of Mount Vernon's Development Services Department at (360) 336-6214.

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