

CAPE COD REGIONAL GOVERNMENT
2026 Session
Emergency Ordinance No. 6

To Authorize the Emergency Appropriation for Harbor Ice-Breaking and Dredge Mobilization

The Cape Cod regional government, known as Barnstable county, hereby ordains;

Section 1. Emergency Declaration

Pursuant to the authority granted under the Barnstable County Home Rule Charter and applicable provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, an emergency is hereby declared to exist due to severe and sustained cold weather conditions that have resulted in significant ice accumulation within multiple Cape Cod harbors, impairing marine navigation, commercial fishing operations, public safety activities, and the operation and mobilization of the County dredge.

Section 2. Appropriation

To address this emergency, the sum of \$50,000.00 is hereby appropriated to Category D in the Miscellaneous and Contingency Expenses Budget by transferring that sum from the General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance for the purpose of engaging private marine contractors or other qualified service providers to perform emergency ice-breaking services and related mobilization activities necessary to restore harbor access, mitigate infrastructure damage, and allow the County dredge to resume scheduled operations.

Section 3. Purpose and Use of Funds

Funds appropriated under this ordinance shall be expended solely for emergency ice-breaking operations, including but not limited to contractor services, vessel mobilization, and associated operational costs directly related to alleviating ice conditions in affected harbors and supporting County dredging activities.

Section 4. Anticipated Reimbursement

This appropriation is made in anticipation of reimbursement, in whole or in part, from a future state supplemental appropriation and/or from participating municipalities through their authorized reserve funds. The County Administrator is authorized to take all necessary actions to seek and accept such reimbursements and to execute any agreements required for that purpose.

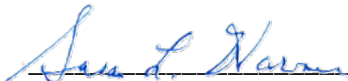
Section 5. Authorization

The County Administrator, or designee, is hereby authorized to execute contracts, agreements, and related documents necessary to implement the intent of this ordinance and to respond promptly to the declared emergency.

Section 6. Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption in accordance with emergency enactment procedures.

Adopted by the Assembly of Delegates on February 12, 2026


Susan Warner, Speaker