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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

## **City of Cleveland Encourages Safety During Cold Temperatures**

**CLEVELAND** – As temperatures in the city are expected to remain below freezing, the City of Cleveland would like to emphasize that the public should take proper safety precautions to prevent cold-related health issues for themselves, family, friends, neighbors, and pets.

The city has designated four recreation centers to remain open 24 hours, until further notice, to serve as warming centers for the public. The recreation centers to remain open are Glenville, Zelma-George, Michael Zone, and Fairfax. Residents seeking relief from the cold temperatures may visit the centers for shelter, warmth, and wash facilities.

The City of Cleveland would also like to remind the public that effective December 10, 2014, a comprehensive set of new ordinances designed to protect animals, especially in the extreme weather, are in effect. Under these new ordinances, if an animal in the City of Cleveland is housed outside there must be:

- A structure for shelter and protection that is suitable for the species, age, condition, size, and type of that animal.
- Completely enclosed and insulated.
- Moisture-resistant, wind-resistant, and of suitable size and type to allow the animal to stand, turn about freely.
- Made of a durable material with a solid, moisture-proof floor.
- Supplied with proper bedding of straw or similar material that remains dry.

The best way to fight off the cold is to stay indoors, with heat! If your home is inadequately heated, go to a neighbor's or relative's house, or one of the City of Cleveland warming centers to keep warm. See more Public Health tips for dealing with the cold temperatures [here](#).

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