



MEMORANDUM

TO: Timothy J. Baroody, City Manager
FROM: Mark Whitley, Assistant City Manager
RE: Declaration of Local Emergency
DATE: August 4, 2020 (for the August 11 Council Meeting)

ISSUE

Shall the City Council adopt the attached resolution, which declares a local emergency for Tropical Storm Isaias, and subsequently declares an end to the emergency conditions?

RECOMMENDATION

Yes, staff recommends adoption of the attached resolution, which requires one reading.

BACKGROUND

The City's emergency management procedures allow for the City Manager to declare a local emergency based on emergency conditions. On August 3, Hurricane / Tropical Storm Isaias was forecast to make landfall in the Carolinas and move north through Virginia. The storm was forecast to bring heavy rainfall, with the threat of flash flooding, and high winds to the Fredericksburg area.

In anticipation of emergency conditions brought about by the storm, the Assistant City Manager, acting on behalf of the City Manager, declared a local emergency.

The City Council is asked to adopt the attached resolution, which ratifies that decision.

The storm has now passed and all actions needed to address the emergency have now been completed. The attached resolution recognizes this and further declares an end to emergency conditions.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to the attached resolution.

Attachment: Resolution



DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR THE CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG TROPICAL STORM ISAIAS

Importance of the Issue

On this date, August 03, 2020, I declare that a state of emergency exists in the City of Fredericksburg to prepare and coordinate our response to Tropical Storm Isaias. The National Weather Service advises that Tropical Storm Isaias is forecast to make landfall tonight as a hurricane, and is expected to bring strong winds and heavy rainfall from the Eastern Carolinas to the Mid-Atlantic coast tonight and Tuesday. The National Weather Service has issued a Tropical Storm warning for this area. Tropical Storm Isaias poses a threat for flash flooding, severe thunderstorms, and possible Tropical Storm conditions across the area. Heavy rain is possible along with the potential for flooding and flash flooding. Tropical Storm force winds are possible for portions of the area. Tropical Storm force winds are most likely near and east of the center of Isaias. Heavy rain will likely expand well north and west of the center.

The anticipated effects of this situation constitute a disaster as described in §44-146.16 of the *Code of Virginia (Code)*. Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by City Code §26-36 and Code of Virginia §44-146.21, as Assistant City Manager and Deputy Director of Emergency Management of the City of Fredericksburg, acting in the City Manager's absence, I proclaim a state of emergency.

This declaration of emergency shall activate the local Emergency Operations Plan and authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance thereunder. Fredericksburg residents are urged to consult the Virginia Department of Emergency Management "Emergency Kit" guide and to prepare their emergency supply kit and take action to prepare for an emergency.

I hereby invoke and declare in full force and effect in Fredericksburg, Virginia, all laws and statutes of the Commonwealth of Virginia for the exercise of all necessary emergency authority for the protection of health and safety of the persons and property of Fredericksburg, Virginia.

All public officials and employees of Fredericksburg, Virginia are hereby directed to exercise the utmost diligence in discharge of the duties required of them for the duration of the emergency and in the execution of emergency laws, regulations, and directives, state and local.

This declaration is subject to confirmation by City Council at its next regularly scheduled meeting or at a special meeting within 14 days of this declaration.

All residents are called upon and directed to comply with emergency measures, to cooperate with the City of Fredericksburg Coordinator of Emergency Management in the execution of emergency operational plans, and to comply with the lawful directions of properly identified public officials.

Ordered this 03 day of August, 2020.


Mark Whitley, Assistant City Manager



August 11, 2020
Regular Meeting
Resolution 20-__

MOTION:

SECOND:

**RE: Confirming the Declaration of Local Emergency for Tropical Storm Isaias and
 Declaring the End of the Emergency**

ACTION: APPROVED: Ayes: 0; Nays: 0

Code of Virginia §44-146.21 and City Code §26-36 empower the local Director of Emergency Management to make declarations of local emergencies, with the consent of the governing body at its next regularly scheduled meeting or at a special meeting within 14 days of the declaration. The City Council, when in its judgment all emergency actions have been taken, shall take appropriate action to end the declared emergency.

The Fredericksburg Director of Emergency Management is the City Manager, under City Code §26-36, and the Assistant City Manager shall act as deputy director of emergency management.

The Assistant City Manager, by virtue of the authority vested in him by Code of Virginia §44-146.21 and City Code §26-36, declared a local emergency in the City of Fredericksburg on August 3, 2020, in response to the potential for severe weather conditions as a result of Tropical Storm Isaias. The Assistant City Manager reports that all emergency actions have been taken. He therefore requests that City Council confirm the declaration of local emergency and also take appropriate action to end the declared emergency.

Therefore, the City Council hereby resolves that:

- It confirms the Declaration of a Local Emergency issued by the Assistant City Manager, in his capacity as the City's Deputy Director of Emergency Management, on August 3, 2020, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A and which is incorporated by reference;
- It finds that all emergency actions have been taken, and declares the end of the Tropical Storm Isaias emergency.

Votes:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent from Vote:

Absent from Meeting:

Clerk's Certificate

I certify that I am Clerk of Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, and that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution No. 20-, adopted at a meeting of the City Council held August 11, 2020, at which a quorum was present and voted.

Tonya B. Lacey, MMC
Clerk of Council