



PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the following Proclamation is issued by the Mayor of the City of Gastonia; and

WHEREAS, information from the National Weather Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and other sources indicate that a tropical storm and/or hurricane is approaching North Carolina and is likely to impact the City of Gastonia within the immediate future; and

WHEREAS, the weather conditions associated with a hurricane constitute an imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority contained in Article 1 of N.C.G.S. Chapter 166A, Article 36A of N.C.G.S. Chapter 14, and Chapter 9 of the Gastonia City Code, I, Walker E. Reid, III, Mayor of the City of Gastonia do hereby proclaim that a State of Emergency exists within the City of Gastonia.

I further proclaim that the ordinances set forth below, which are contained in Chapter 9 of the Gastonia City Code, are necessary in order to maintain an acceptable level of public order, services, and protection of lives, safety and property during this emergency, and that the same shall be in effect within the City of Gastonia until this Proclamation expires or is rescinded. I hereby order all City law enforcement officers and employees and all other emergency management personnel subject to my control to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the emergency ordinances set forth below.

Access to Restricted Areas.

1. The Chief of Police and his or her subordinates may restrict or deny access to any area, location, or street where such a restriction is necessary in order to help overcome this emergency or to prevent the emergency from worsening. These restrictions on access shall be indicated by means of barricades, posted notices, or orders to anyone in the area.
2. No person shall obtain access or attempt to obtain access to any area, location, or street to which the Chief of Police or his or her subordinates have restricted access according to the above directive.

City Operations:

Solid Waste, Transit Operations and other City services will be adjusted or suspended as road conditions dictate determined by the City Manager.

I further proclaim that the Emergency Management Plan adopted by the City of Gastonia, and all applicable mutual assistance compacts and agreements are in effect and shall remain in effect until this proclamation expires or is rescinded. All emergency management personnel are hereby ordered to cooperate in the implementation of the provisions of the City's Emergency Management Plan and all applicable mutual assistance compacts and agreements, and to furnish assistance thereunder. I direct that copies of this Proclamation be disseminated to the mass communications media for publication and broadcast, and that a copy of this Proclamation be posted in City Hall and other public buildings as appropriate.

This Proclamation shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect for a period of five days unless sooner rescinded pursuant to G.S. 14-288.16.

Proclaimed this the ____ day of September, two thousand and eighteen, at _____ a.m./p.m.

Walker E. Reid, III, Mayor

Attest:

Sherry H. Dunaway, City Clerk