

STATE OF GEORGIA)
COUNTY OF CHATHAM)

**RESOLUTION ANNOUNCING A DECLARATION OF
LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO HURRICANE IDALIA**

WHEREAS, at the time of this resolution the National Hurricane Center has deemed Hurricane Idalia to be a catastrophic event with potentially life-threatening consequences;

WHEREAS, Chatham County, Georgia has the potential to experience an event of critical significance as a result of Hurricane Idalia beginning as early as August 29, 2023;

WHEREAS, in the judgement of the Chairman of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, there will exist emergency circumstances located within Chatham County requiring extraordinary and immediate corrective or preventative actions to provide for the protection of health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Chatham County to include individuals with household pets and service animals;

WHEREAS, to prevent or minimize injury to people and damage to property resulting from this event;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by local and state law,

IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that a local state of emergency exists and shall continue until the conditions requiring this declaration are abated.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the Chatham Emergency Management Agency (CEMA) activate the Emergency Operations Plan;
2. That the following paragraphs of the Chatham County Code, Chapter 4, Article III, Section 1, be implemented:
 1. 4-311 **Overcharging Prohibited;**
 2. 4-312 **Zoning Regulations Suspended;**
 3. 4-313 **Emergency Business License;**
 4. 4-314 **Registration of Building and Repair Services; and**
 5. 4-315 **Closed or Restricted Area and Curfew during Emergency.**

3. That the following paragraphs of the Chatham County Code, Chapter 4, Article III, Section 1, also be implemented:

1. 4-310(1)(a) Grant of Authority;
2. 4-310(1)(b) Request for State Assistance;
3. 4-310(1)(c) Continuance;
4. 4-310(1)(d)(1) Activation of the EOP;
5. 4-310(1)(d)(2) Emergency Powers
6. 4-310(1)(d)(3) Authority to Waive Procedures and Fees;
7. 4-310(1)(d)(4) Authority to Remove Debris; and
8. 4-310(1)(d)(5) Additional Emergency Powers.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Chatham County Code, Chapter 4, Article III, Section 2, Enforcement and Remedies shall also be implemented which includes:

1. Law Enforcement;
2. Penalties;
3. Injunctive Relief; and
4. Liberality of Construction.

So resolved this the 29th of August 2023 at 6:00 PM.




CHESTER A. ELLIS
Chairman, Chatham County Board of Commissioners



JANICE BOCOOK
Clerk of Commission
(seal)



Witnessed by:



County Attorney's Office