



State of South Carolina )  
County of Horry )  
Town of Surfside Beach )

*Resolution #17-183*

**DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR  
THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH**

**WHEREAS**, Hurricane Irma, the strongest hurricane on record, has hit the Caribbean as a life-threatening Category 5 hurricane with maximum sustained winds of 185 mph. As it moves slowly to the north, forecasts are showing it drifting west, north/west at 16 mph, which could have significant impacts for Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina. The storm currently is expected to approach the United States mainland as a dangerous Category 5 hurricane, packing sustained winds of 185 mph and higher. The latest forecast models project the center heading directly for mid-Florida by September 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup>. The storm is forecast by the National Hurricane Center to impact coastal South Carolina including the Town of Surfside Beach, with dangerous tropical storm and/or hurricane conditions within the next week. Dangerous impacts include high tide and storm surge, beach erosion and rip currents, tropical storm or hurricane force winds, very heavy rains with possible severe flooding, and the potential for significant property destruction and threats to life safety, residents being displaced from their homes, road closures, and widespread power outages. On Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, a State of Emergency were declared by Governor McMaster for South Carolina and will most likely impose an evacuation of portions of the Town of Surfside Beach.

**WHEREAS**, Surfside Beach Town Council is informed and believes that an emergency has been created by this extraordinary weather event, creating a menace to the preservation of public peace, safety, security, health, welfare, and property, and resulting in the resources of the Town in contending with the situation being taxed to their limit; and

**WHEREAS**, Surfside Beach Town Council finds that a State of Emergency exists due to the circumstances as described above, specifically declaring this State of Emergency for the Town of Surfside Beach, under the authority granted to it under State and local law, authorizing whatever measures necessary to respond appropriately to the emergency, and requests that State and Federal resources be mobilized in response to this hazardous weather event and resulting losses and damages sustained.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Surfside Beach Town Council hereby declares a State of Emergency to exist in the Town of Surfside Beach, as set forth hereinabove, and directs that the Town of Surfside Beach Emergency Operations Plan section of the Town of Surfside Beach Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan be activated and implemented, that the Town Administrator take the measures necessary to mobilize the necessary life safety mechanisms and responses, that all reasonable actions and precautions be taken as is necessary to ensure the fullest possible protection and preservation of life and property and, in addition, that this Declaration be transmitted to the Governor for the State of South Carolina requesting that the Governor make the appropriate declarations and take whatever other actions necessary to address this emergency.

**FURTHER**, the Town Administrator may determine that it is necessary to amend the budget to identify the sources of existing or borrowed funds, and to establish a budget for the emergency expenditures. This budget amendment may be the result of the need to borrow monies for the purpose of making allowance for expenditures which have arisen as a result of such emergency. In the event of a state of emergency or disaster declared, approval of additional expenditure appropriation for debt incurred or use of fund balance, fund balance reserve, or transfers from other funds, will be by Resolution of Town Council through a telephone vote. This spending approval shall not require a supplemental budget ordinance or budget ordinance amendment.

**FURTHER**, The Town Administrator and finance department shall furnish the Town Council and the public/citizens and taxpayers an itemized spreadsheet with any and all expenditures that have been made by the Town Administrator and/or each department during the stated emergency, and within 30 days of expiration of the state of emergency, the town administrator and finance department shall show in a financial itemized report the source of all expenditures from existing and/or borrowed funds. This report shall be made available to the Town Council and the public citizens and taxpayers.

**BE IT SO RESOLVED**, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017.

**Surfside Beach Town Council**

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|       |                          |                          | Ron Ott, Mayor Pro Tempore        |
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|       |                          |                          | Timothy T. Courtney, Town Council |
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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk