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OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL EMERGENCY MEETING

April 15, 2020

10:00 AM

**Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices
415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC**

Call to Order

Administrator Comments

Attorney Comments

First and only reading: **STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF OCONEE
EMERGENCY AND DISASTER DECLARATION
AND ORDINANCE
APRIL 15, 2020**

(In relation to the catastrophic storm event of April 13, 2020)

Adjourn

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**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF OCONEE**

**EMERGENCY AND DISASTER DECLARATION
AND ORDINANCE**

APRIL 15, 2020

WHEREAS, a violent storm system passed through Oconee County during the evening of April 12, 2020 and into the early morning hours of April 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the storm system was extraordinarily violent and produced an EF3 rated tornado, resulting in loss of life and catastrophic property damage; and

WHEREAS, Oconee County Council deems that extraordinary emergency measures are necessary to cope with the resulting disaster.

NOW THEREFORE, consistent with its powers pursuant to S.C. Code § 4-9-25, among other authorities, the Oconee County Council declares a state of emergency and disaster this 15th day of April, 2020, effective at 10:05 AM. Further, County Council authorizes the County Administrator, on advice of the Emergency Services Director and the County Attorney, and in consultation with the Chairman of County Council, to take necessary and appropriate emergency actions in response to the conditions described above, including the following:

1. Suspending existing laws and regulations prescribing the procedures for conduct of county business if strict compliance with the provisions of any statute, order, rule, or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with an emergency;
2. Utilizing all available resources of county government as reasonably necessary to cope with an emergency;
3. Transferring the direction, personnel, or functions of county departments, agencies, or units thereof for the purpose of facilitating or performing emergency services as necessary or desirable;
4. Contracting, requisitioning, and compensating for goods and services from private sources;
5. Warning and advising for evacuation of all or parts of the population from any stricken or threatened area within the county, if such action is deemed necessary for the preservation of life or other disaster mitigation, response, or recovery;
6. Prescribing routes, modes of transportation, and destinations in connection with evacuations;
7. Controlling ingress and egress to and from a disaster area, the movement of persons within the area, and the occupancy of premises threatened;
8. Making provision for the availability and use of temporary housing;

9. Suspending or limiting non-emergency activities and prohibiting public assemblies, including the imposition of a curfew.

The County Administrator shall receive the approval of a majority of Council in effecting action related to the foregoing when deemed necessary by law and/or when circumstances permit.

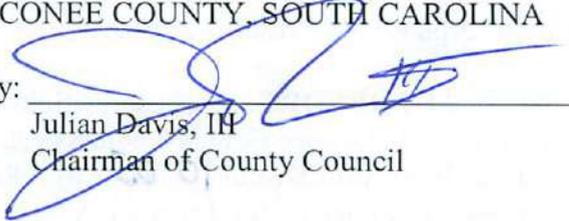
During the period of effectiveness of this Emergency Ordinance, any ordinance, resolution, policy, or rule of the Council that conflicts with the provisions hereof is suspended and shall be superseded hereby.

The provisions hereof shall be effective upon a single hearing and two-thirds vote of the Council, and shall expire on the sixty-first day following the effective date hereof.

DONE AS AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE and approved at an emergency meeting duly assembled, by no less than an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the Council present, this 15th day of April, 2020.

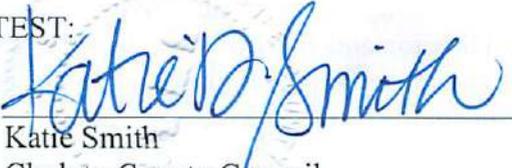
OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

By: _____


Julian Davis, III
Chairman of County Council

ATTEST:

By: _____


Katie Smith
Clerk to County Council