

RESOLUTION 2024-10

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE CITY OF PICKENS AND TO AUTHORIZE EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT

WHEREAS, due to the impact caused by Hurricane Helene to public safety, security, health, welfare and property in the City of Pickens, an emergency exists which requires the immediate use of public funds and other resources; and,

WHEREAS, on September 25, 2024, the Governor of the State of South Carolina issued Executive Order 2024-24 declaring a state of emergency for the State of South Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2024, the President of the United States authorized the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to provide federal assistance for emergency protective measures including direct federal assistance for Abbeville, Anderson, Cherokee, Greenville, Laurens, Oconee, Pickens and Spartanburg counties; and,

WHEREAS, Pickens City Ordinance Sec. 2-229 authorizes the mayor or the city administrator to make emergency procurements when there exists a threat to public health, welfare, or safety under emergency conditions or where normal daily operations are affected or in jeopardy; and,

WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing, Pickens City Council deems it proper and necessary to adopt this emergency resolution in order to: (a) authorize the Pickens City Administrator or Mayor to take actions they deem necessary to ensure continuity in the delivery of government services and to provide for the health and safety of the citizens of Pickens and (b) authorize the City Administrator or Mayor to make emergency expenditures as allowed by City Ordinance Sec. 2-229.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The foregoing “WHEREAS” clauses are hereby adopted and incorporated herein as forming the legislative and administrative findings, purposes, and intent of this Resolution.
2. The City Council does hereby declare a state emergency in the City of Pickens due to the impacts caused by Hurricane Helene.
3. The City Council does hereby (a) authorize the Pickens City Administrator or Mayor to take actions they deem necessary to ensure continuity in the delivery of government services and to provide for the health and safety of the citizens of Pickens and (b) authorize the City Administrator or Mayor to make emergency expenditures as allowed by City Ordinance Sec. 2-229.
4. The City Council further authorizes and directs the City Administrator to apply to FEMA as soon as possible for reimbursement of the cost of emergency protective measures pursuant to FEMA guidelines and policies.
5. This Resolution shall become effective immediately and shall remain in place as long as is necessary to provide for the citizens of Pickens due to the impacts of Hurricane Helene.

5. The City Council may amend, modify, or repeal this Resolution by subsequent Resolution.

Done in meeting duly assembled this 1 day of October, 2024.

CITY OF PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA



Isaiah Scipio, Mayor

Attest:



Donna Owen, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Daniel R. Hughes, City Attorney