



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of November 1, 2012**

DATE: October 30, 2012

SUBJECT: Confirmation of the Declaration of Local Emergency for Hurricane Sandy Weather Event.

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the attached confirmation of the County Manager's Declaration of a Local Emergency for the period October 28th, 2012 through 11:55p.m. on November 1st, 2012.

ISSUES: Due to the advanced notice of the potential impacts and period of disaster of the storm event, the planning and deployment of resources for response and recovery were undertaken to ensure the protection and safety of the Arlington Public. Confirmation by the County Board of the County Manager's Declaration of a Local Emergency is mandated by the Code of Virginia § 44-146.21 to validate the declaration. By confirming the declaration, the County Board allows the County Government to seek potential reimbursement with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for eligible costs from the storm event.

SUMMARY: County Board confirmation of the County Manager's Declaration of a Local Emergency is required pursuant to the Code of Virginia § 44-146.21.

BACKGROUND: As news of weather patterns showed an increased likelihood of a threat to the Arlington area, it became increasingly evident that Arlington County would need to plan, mobilize and deploy adequate resources to ensure the safety of residents, businesses and visitors to Arlington. Given that projected weather called for historic winds, rain and the potential for catastrophic damage, it became prudent to declare a local emergency, and begin work with our jurisdictional neighbors to ensure the safety of the community.

DISCUSSION: The County Board's consent (see attachment B) to the County Manager's Declaration of a Local Emergency (see attachment A) is required to validate the emergency declaration and, coupled with existing mutual aid agreements, positions the County for reimbursement from FEMA.

County Manager:

BMD/mjs

County Attorney:

[Handwritten Signature]

Staff: Jeffrey E. Bergin, OEM

This action also recognizes the critical role that local governments play in planning for an emergency and ensuring public safety. Using the Arlington County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) as a guide, County staff prepared detailed contingency plans around weather, transportation, communications and public safety issues throughout the anticipated timeframe of this incident. These plans allowed for the effective allocation of essential staff resources while always maintaining employee safety in a 24/7 operation that spanned multiple days and featured dangerous conditions.

FISCAL IMPACT: County Staff will work following the storm to pull together costs for eligible work and damage incurred during the storm event. Staff will work with representatives from VDEM and FEMA to process reimbursement claims for the County.

Arlington County Local Emergency Declaration



COUNTY MANAGER'S

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

The County Manager of Arlington County, Virginia does hereby find:

1. That due to the potential for heavy rain and winds, the County of Arlington is facing dangerous public safety conditions;
2. That due to potential damage to private and public facilities from wind, rain, and potential long term power and communications disruptions, a condition of extreme peril to life and property necessitates the proclamation of the existence of an emergency;
3. Under the authority of the Code of Virginia § 44-146.21, the County Manager has declared a Local Emergency;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that I declare that a Local Emergency now exists throughout Arlington County.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that the Comprehensive Emergency Management Program Emergency Operations Plan is now in effect.

October 28, 2012
Date

Barbara Donnellan (signed on file)

County Manager, Arlington County, Virginia

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CONFIRMATION OF COUNTY MANAGER'S *DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY*

WHEREAS, the County Board of Arlington County, Virginia does hereby find:

1. That due to the potential for heavy rain and winds, the County of Arlington faced dangerous public safety conditions;
2. That due to potential damage to private and public facilities from wind and rain, and potential long term power and communications disruptions, a condition of extreme peril to life and property necessitated the proclamation of the existence of an emergency;
3. Under the authority of the Code of Virginia § 44-146.21, the County Manager declared a Local Emergency commencing on October 28, 2012, and put into effect the Comprehensive Emergency Management Program Emergency Operations Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Board confirms the declaration by the County Manager of a local emergency throughout Arlington County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Board hereby ends the local emergency effective at 11:55 p.m. on November 1, 2012.

DATE

Attest: _____

Clerk of the County Board
Arlington County, Virginia