RESOLUTION NO. 2024-49

AUTHORIZING A NOISE PERMIT FOR GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE CONTRACTED CREWS TO REMOVE STORM DEBRIS AND CONDUCT REPAIRS RELATED TO HURRICANE HELENE

WHEREAS, the City of North Augusta has experienced significant storm damage due to Hurricane Helene, resulting in substantial damage and debris across both public and private properties within the city limits; and

WHEREAS, timely removal of storm debris and repairs to damaged properties are critical to ensuring the safety, public health, and welfare of the residents of North Augusta; and

WHEREAS, Sec. 12-21(c)(9) of the City of North Augusta Code of Ordinances restricts construction work to the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on weekdays only; and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance allows the Council to grant a permit for work outside of these hours in cases of urgent necessity for public safety and convenience; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Augusta and other government agencies, as well as private entities, have contracted with crews to assist in the removal of said debris and to conduct repairs, requiring extended working hours to complete the tasks in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate the efficient removal of storm debris, mitigate potential hazards, and expedite necessary repairs, it is necessary to provide an exemption from the City's noise ordinance for the duration of these operations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Augusta, South Carolina, in a meeting duly assembled, that:

- Noise Ordinance Exemption: The City of North Augusta hereby grants a noise ordinance permit to government-contracted and private-contracted crews for the purposes of storm debris removal and property repairs related to Hurricane Helene.
- Hours of Operation: Authorized debris removal and repair operations may take place from sunrise to sunset, Monday through Sunday, for a period of 180 days, beginning on October 21, 2024, and ending on April 19, 2025.
- Scope of Exemption: This exemption applies exclusively to noise generated by debris removal activities, repair work, and the equipment associated with the contracted crews and does not permit excessive or unnecessary noise unrelated to these tasks.
- Permit Duration: The noise ordinance exemption will remain in effect for the specified 180-day period. The City of North Augusta reserves the right to extend, modify, or terminate this permit as deemed necessary.

- Compliance with Other Regulations: All debris removal and repair activities must comply with applicable local, state, and federal laws, including those related to environmental protection and worker safety.
- Public Notice: The City shall make efforts to notify residents of the affected areas about the noise ordinance exemption and the scheduled debris removal and repair operations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Administrator may extend the dates of this permit in the event of inclement weather or other unforeseen delays.

DONE, RATIFIED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THIS 212 DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024.

Briton S. Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jame Paul, City Clerk