



City of Flagstaff

CITY OF FLAGSTAFF EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

2022 POST PIPELINE FIRE FLOODING RESPONSE

WHEREAS, A.R.S. § 26-311(A) provides that the Mayor may by proclamation declare an emergency or a local emergency to exist due to any natural or man-made calamity or disaster; and

WHEREAS, A.R.S. § 26-311(B) provides that if an emergency is declared pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-311(A), the Mayor shall during such emergency govern by proclamation and shall have the authority to impose all necessary regulations to preserve the peace and order of the city; and

WHEREAS, Flagstaff City Code Sections 1-22-001-0002(D) and 1-07-001-0004(A) provide that the Mayor may proclaim a civil emergency to exist; and

WHEREAS, beginning on June 12, 2022 the Pipeline Fire severely burned approximately 26,532 acres of ponderosa pine, grass and brush in an area north of Flagstaff, which negatively impacted soil structure and water retention within the designated Flagstaff area watershed footprint; and

WHEREAS, the resulting burn scar created a severe post-fire flooding environment and risk potential; and

WHEREAS, the mitigation efforts in anticipation of post-fire flooding have been ongoing since the June 12, 2022 Pipeline Fire; and

WHEREAS, on July 16, 2022 and continuing from that day forward heavy rains have impacted the Pipeline Fire burn scar and the surrounding area, causing significant downstream flooding to residential property within neighborhoods and threatening City infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the rain received on July 16, 2022 and continuing from that day forward in the area already impacted by downstream flooding from the burn scar caused significant private property and public infrastructure damage in the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, again the rain received on July 23, 2022 and continuing from that day forward in the area already impacted by downstream flooding from the burn scar caused significant private property and public infrastructure damage in the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, additional precipitation is forecast by the National Weather Service to continue for several days and possibly weeks; and

WHEREAS, the impact to local communities was imminent, creating the need for Flash Flood Warnings issued from the National Weather Service beginning July 16, 2022 and continuing from that day forward; and

WHEREAS, severe post-fire flood impacts to local communities have occurred due to this rainfall event, including, but not limited to, road closures, shelter-in-place advisories, damages to private property, and roadway and drainage system damage; and

WHEREAS, Coconino County and the City of Flagstaff have formally adopted an Emergency Management Mutual Aid Compact that serves as the written request for assistance required to facilitate the County and NAU acting with legal authority within the city limits of Flagstaff during times of critical Emergency response; and

WHEREAS, the City of Flagstaff/Coconino Incident Management Team is actively planning and coordinating resources and support for impacts from rainfall on the Pipeline Fire burn scar and subsequent recovery needs; and

WHEREAS, Coconino County and Flagstaff City departments have dedicated staffing to plan, prepare for, and execute post-wildfire flood protective measures and recovery efforts; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross stands prepared to open shelter services for affected citizens and visitors, and the Coconino Humane Service has prepared for animal evacuation; and

WHEREAS, additional weather events including the potential for severe thunderstorms with rainfall possible for the affected areas could produce additional post-wildfire flooding; and

WHEREAS, the City has exhausted all available resources and is requesting assistance from the County, State of Arizona, and the Federal government to assist in the management of this incident and any of the potential post-fire flood consequences; and

WHEREAS, the City requests that the State secure the involvement of any identified or yet to be identified resources to provide technical, financial, or other support as necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. I, Paul Deasy, Mayor of the City of Flagstaff, Arizona, do hereby declare, pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-311(A) and Flagstaff City Code Sections 1-22-001-0002(D) and 1-07-001-0004(A), that an emergency and/or local emergency exists in connection with Post Pipeline Fire Flooding, as further described in the preceding recitals.

Section 2. It is strongly recommended that all residents of the City in the impacted area prepare an emergency kit that contains clothes, medicines, and important documents for each member of the family and household pets to last a minimum of 72 hours; prepare an emergency plan that includes a means to alert family members and a plan to move livestock to safety; and obey all laws.

Section 3. It is ordered that during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of this City shall be those prescribed by State Law, by Ordinances and Resolutions of the City of Flagstaff, and the County/City Emergency Operations Plan, until this proclamation declaring a state of emergency is formally rescinded. Citizens are urged to cooperate with this emergency declaration and, to every degree possible, abide by the safety announcements, advisories, and restrictions established by the regions' multi agency Emergency Operations Center, and to cooperate with the community's public safety agencies and emergency services personnel.

PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §38-431.02, as amended, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the general public that during the declared State of Emergency a possible quorum of the Flagstaff City Council may be in attendance during the periodic Emergency Operations Center and incident debriefs, however, no formal discussion/action will be taken by members in their role as the Flagstaff City Council.

Dated this 26th day of July 2022

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Paul Deasy, Mayor

Attest:

Stacy Saltzburg Digitally signed by Stacy Saltzburg
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Stacy Saltzburg, City Clerk

Approved as to form and found to be within the powers granted to Mayor of the City of Flagstaff:

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Sterling T. Solomon, City Attorney