

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SOUTH SALT LAKE, UTAH DECLARING
A LOCAL EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, on September 7 and September 8, 2020, parts of the State of Utah, including the City of South Salt Lake experienced a sever windstorm;

WHEREAS, during that severe windstorm wind speeds exceeded 100 mph in some places;

WHEREAS, as a result of that severe windstorm many locations in the City experienced serious property damage including downed trees, power lines, damage to homes and vehicles, destroyed sidewalks, road closures, loss of power, and many other items of property damaged or destroyed;

WHEREAS, Utah Code Ann. § 53-2a-203 defines “Local emergency” as “a condition in any municipality or county of the state which requires that emergency assistance be provided by the affected municipality or county or another political subdivision to save lives and protect property within its jurisdiction in response to a disaster, or to avoid or reduce the threat of a disaster” and defines “political subdivision” as a “municipality, county, special service district, or local district;”

WHEREAS, Utah Code Ann. § 53-2a-208 gives the Mayor as chief executive officer of The City of South Salt Lake the authority to declare a local emergency by proclamation;

WHEREAS, South Salt Lake City Code 2.05.020 authorizes the Mayor to declare a local disaster, in consultation with readily available city councilmembers, upon finding a natural disaster has occurred or is imminent;

WHEREAS, South Salt Lake City Code 2.05.010 defines natural disaster as “any hurricane, windstorm, tornado, storm, flood, high water, wind-driven water, earthquake, landslide, mudslide, snowstorm, drought, fire, explosion, pandemic or epidemic as those terms are used and defined in Utah Code Ann. § 26-23b-102 or its successor provision, or other catastrophe which results in substantial damage to property, hardship, suffering or possible loss of life;” and

WHEREAS, the Mayor finds that a natural disaster has occurred spanning the entirety of City limits (“Disaster Area”) and has consulted with available city councilmembers;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Utah Code Ann. 53-2a-205, the Mayor finds it necessary to utilize all available resources of the City to manage the local emergency, employ measures and give directions to local officers, control ingress and egress to and from and within the Disaster Area, and clear or remove debris or wreckage that may threaten public health, public safety, or private property from publicly or privately owned lands or waters.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED by the Mayor of the City of South Salt Lake, Utah that a local emergency exists in the City of South Salt Lake due to the severe windstorm that occurred on September 7 and 8, 2020, which caused serious property damage in the City of South Salt Lake and around the State of Utah. This declaration of a local emergency: 1) constitutes an official recognition that a disaster situation exists within the City; 2) provides a legal basis for requesting and obtaining mutual aid or disaster assistance from other political subdivisions or from the state or federal government; 3) activates the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local disaster emergency plans; 4) authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance in relation to this Proclamation. This Proclamation shall take effect immediately and shall not be continued or renewed for a period in excess of 30 days except by or with the consent of the governing body of the City of South Salt Lake. This proclamation shall be filed with the City Recorder as soon as practicable.

Signed this 8th day of September, 2020

Cherie Wood

Cherie Wood, Mayor

Attest:

Craig Burton, City Recorder