

**Town of Ridgeland**  
**Proclamation Declaring State of Emergency in the Town of Ridgeland, South**  
**Carolina due to Hurricane Idalia**

**WHEREAS**, a state of emergency was declared by the Governor on August 29, 2023 for areas that include Jasper County to enhance the state's response to Hurricane Idalia; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ridgeland Code of Ordinances Section 2-77 Article III grants the Mayor the power to declare a state of emergency if instances exist that threaten or endanger the lives, safety, health and welfare of the residents within the Town; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Joseph N. Malphrus, Jr., by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Town of Ridgeland, do proclaim a state of emergency and invoke the provisions of **Article III, Section 2-77** listed as "Exhibit A" of the Town of Ridgeland, South Carolina Code of Ordinances

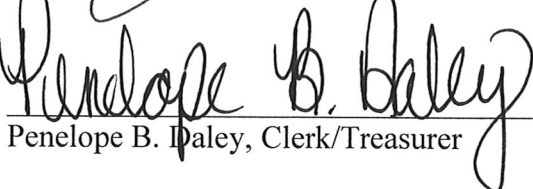
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that any emergency ordinance adopted or enacted by Jasper County Council pursuant to that council's Declaration of Emergency related to Hurricane Idalia shall be applicable to and enforceable within the corporate town limits of the Town of Ridgeland. All law enforcement officers of the County or State are authorized to enforce any such emergency ordinances within the Town's corporate limits until such time the state of emergency expires on September 4, 2023 unless rescinded earlier by the Governor.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Ridgeland Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Administrator to execute any and all documents which will allow the Town to seek reimbursement from FEMA for storm related damages, as well as seek reimbursement from other agencies, state or federal, which are available for storm damage mitigation/reimbursement.

Given under my signature and seal of the Town of Ridgeland this 30th day of August, 2023.

  
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Joseph N. Malphrus, Jr.

Attest:

  
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Penelope B. Daley, Clerk/Treasurer

**Exhibit A:**

**Article III, Sec. 2-77. - Emergency powers of mayor**

(a) A state of emergency shall be deemed to exist whenever, during times of great public crisis, disaster, rioting, civil disturbance, catastrophe, or when for any other reason municipal public safety authorities are unable to maintain public order or afford adequate protection for lives, safety, health, welfare or property.

(b) In the event of a state of emergency threatening or endangering the lives, safety, health and welfare of the people within the town or threatening damage to or destruction of property, the mayor is authorized and empowered to issue a public proclamation declaring to all persons the existence of such a state of emergency, and in order more effectively to protect the lives, safety and property of the town, to define and impose a curfew applicable to all persons within the jurisdiction of the town.

(c) The mayor is authorized and empowered to limit the application of such a curfew to any area specifically designated and described within the jurisdiction of the town and to specific hours of the day or night and to exempt from the curfew police officers, firefighters, doctors, nurses and such others as may be essential to the preservation of public order and immediately necessary to serve the needs of the people within the town.

*(Code 1995, § 2.04.070; Code 2006, § 30.21)*