PROCLAMATION NO. 2024-26

MAYOR DECLARED STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on September 25, 2024 Governor Roy Cooper declared a statewide state of emergency in the State of North Carolina due to the anticipated impacts from Tropical Storm Helene; and

WHEREAS, on September 25, 2024 Jason Chappell, Chairman of the Transylvania County Board of Commissioners declared a local state of emergency inclusive of all areas and townships inside the geographic borders of Transylvania County; and

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2024 President Biden granted Governor Roy Cooper's request for a Federal Major Disaster Declaration for Tropical Storm Helene providing immediate federal help for 25 North Carolina counties; and

WHEREAS, as authorized by Brevard Code of Ordinances Chapter 26, Article 1, Section 26.32, City of Brevard Mayor Maureen Copelof consented to the Transylvania County declaration of local state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina has vested in the City Council and, where so ordained, the Mayor the power to issue such proclamations and any subsequent proclamations that may restrict movement and other actions during declared emergencies; and

WHEREAS, I, as Mayor, have adjudged it practical and expedient because of existing circumstances to declare an emergency and issue such a proclamation; and

WHEREAS, on December 2, 2024 Brevard City Council passed revisions to the Brevard Unified Development Ordinance, establishing Chapter 21 – Emergency Response and Recovery, that would apply during certain declared emergencies, adding stipulations for temporary housing and non-residential uses; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 21's emergency provision may not be applicable to all states of emergency, and thus Chapter 21 includes an additional and separate declaration procedure.

NOW, THEREFORE, by the power vested in me by the State of North Carolina and pursuant to the City Code of Ordinances, Section 26.32, and Unified Development Ordinance, Chapter 21, I, Maureen Copelof, Mayor of the City of Brevard do hereby declare that a state of emergency is in effect and proclaim the effectiveness of emergency procedures as follows:

1. This state of emergency is declared by the City of Brevard.

2. The state of emergency shall retroactively be in effect beginning on the 28th day of September, 2024.

3. The state of emergency covers the municipal boundaries of the City of Brevard, as well as all City-owned properties and facilities.

4. The City Manager is hereby authorized to take necessary actions and expend City funds to protect City facilities and the health, safety and welfare of Brevard citizens.

5. The state of emergency is in effect until the end of the state of emergency as declared by the Mayor.

6. The City Clerk and other persons designated by me are hereby directed to disseminate this declaration to the press and other news media and upon electronic distribution media controlled by the City of Brevard.

Signed this 27th day of December, 2024.

Maureen Copelof

Maureen Copelof, Mayor

Attest:

Denise Hodsdon

Denise Hodsdon, City Clerk

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