

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD
RESOLUTION NO.**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD RATIFYING
THE PROCLAMATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES OF THE
CITY OF OXNARD AND PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL
EMERGENCY DUE TO SEVERE STORMS**

WHEREAS, Government Code section 8630 and Chapter 6 of the Oxnard City Code empower the City Manager of the City of Oxnard (“City”), acting in the capacity of the Director of Emergency Services, to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the City is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the City Council is not in session; and

WHEREAS, a severe rainstorm that commenced the week of December 18, 2023 produced more than 6 inches of rainfall in the Oxnard, 4.5 inches of which fell between 1:00 a.m. and 3:00 a.m. the morning of December 21; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service reported rainfall to be as much as 3.18 inches in one hour, which is the highest rate recorded for the area for at least 100 years; and

WHEREAS, the torrential rain caused extensive street flooding as well as flood damage to many homes, businesses, and vehicles within the city and neighboring jurisdictions and the unincorporated areas of Ventura County (“County”); and

WHEREAS, beginning on December 20, 2023, City staff dedicated resources to respond within the city and to assist other agencies in responding to the severe rainstorm throughout the County, including making available additional emergency response units and specialty-trained swift water rescue teams, managing road closures and flooding issues, and activating the City’s Emergency Operations Center at an Enhanced Operations/Monitoring level to assist in coordination and information sharing, both within the city and throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, on December 27, 2023, the Director of Emergency Services proclaimed the existence of a local emergency due to severe storms; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 8630, the conditions and powers granted by the proclamation continue for seven (7) days unless ratified by a resolution of the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED:

A. The City Council hereby proclaims the existence of a local state of emergency in the city, pursuant to California Government Code Section 8630 and all other applicable laws, and the Director of Emergency Services’ December 27, 2023 proclamation attached to this resolution as **Exhibit A** and incorporated into this resolution by this reference is hereby ratified; and

B. The local emergency shall be deemed to continue and exist until it is terminated by proclamation of the City Council of the City of Oxnard; and

C. During the existence of the local emergency, the powers, functions and duties of the

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 2nd day of January 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

John C. Zaragoza, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rose Chaparro, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Stephen M. Fischer, City Attorney

EXHIBIT A
[December 27, 2023 Director of Emergency Services Proclamation]