

Proclamation No. 2023-E-1

**DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND IMPLEMENTING
RESTRICTIONS ON BURNING, AND UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, PRICE
GOUGING IN THE CITY OF NORTH CHARLESTON**

WHEREAS, the City of North Charleston and its citizens stand in close proximity to the expected path of Hurricane Idalia and

WHEREAS, the storm has reached a strength of Category 3 and the strength of the storm impacting the City could be severe and cause disruption of communication, public safety and emergency services, food distribution, and electrical power; and

WHEREAS, to protect the health and safety of the citizens of the City of North Charleston in the period immediately before, during, and after Hurricane Idalia, the Mayor of the City of North Charleston believes it is in the best interests of its citizens to declare a State of Emergency as contemplated by Chapter 6 of the North Charleston Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, due to the uncertain situation that may exist before, during, and after Hurricane Idalia, the Mayor hereby institutes the following public safety measures to remain in effect until the Declaration of Emergency is rescinded:

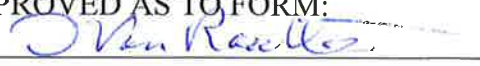
1. A ban on burning shall be in effect from noon, Wednesday, August 30, until noon, Sunday, September 3, unless sooner rescinded or otherwise extended. This ban is intended to reduce the possibility of calls for fire service so that the maximum North Charleston Fire Department resources can be dedicated to storm-related service; and
2. Upon declaration of a State of Emergency by the Governor of South Carolina, the price-gouging prohibitions of S.C. Code Ann. 39-5-145, shall be in effect.

THE WITHIN PROCLAMATION SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON ITS SIGNATURE BY THE MAYOR.

PROCLAIMED THIS 30th DAY OF
AUGUST, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, 2023.


R. KEITH SUMMEY, MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


LEGAL COUNSEL