

**Town of Holden Beach
Proclamation of a State of Emergency**

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. Chapters 160A, 166A and 14 authorize municipalities to declare the existence of a State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, by ordinance the Town of Holden Beach has heretofore authorized the Mayor as Emergency Management Director to proclaim the existence of a State of Emergency and to declare orders for evacuation, curfew and various other restrictions and prohibitions; and

WHEREAS, an approaching hurricane known as Isaias, threatens to imminently create conditions in which it is difficult for public officials to maintain public safety or to adequately protect lives, safety or property and that the same poses imminent risk to the life, safety, health and welfare of the people within the Town of Holden Beach.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Mayor and Emergency Management Director of the Town of Holden Beach, North Carolina, I hereby **proclaim the existence of a State of Emergency, effective Friday, July 31, 2020 at 9:00 p.m. and further hereby imposes the following orders, prohibitions and restrictions:**

1. **Mandatory Evacuation.** Due to the current track and various models forecasted for Isaias, all renters/vacationers/guests located within the Town of Holden Beach are hereby **required to evacuate by 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 1, 2020.** In the event a voluntary evacuation is required for residents, residents remaining on the island will be restricted to their private property due to the potential for injury from storm-related utilities and possible infrastructure damage. The Town will maintain basic services (EMS, Fire, Police) to the extent reasonably possible during a hurricane, however, there is no guarantee that services will be provided at normal levels and thus individuals with known medical or other physical needs should leave the island upon notice of the declaration of a voluntary evacuation.
2. In the event that the track of Hurricane Isaias shifts or conditions intensify then a mandatory evacuation may be required. Should a mandatory evacuation be required, services listed above cannot be guaranteed.
3. **Bridge** - The Holden Beach Bridge will be closed to traffic should sustained wind speeds reach 45 MPH or greater. The bridge would be reopened when conditions subside and passage is deemed safe by the Chief of Police.
4. **Decals** - No decals will be issued following a declared state of emergency.

This the 31st day of July, 2020, at 7:30 p.m.


J. Alan Holden, Mayor

ATTEST:


Heather Finnell, Town Clerk

