Proclamation

THIRD AMENDED MAYOR DECLARED STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service has issued a Tropical Storm Watch/Warning for the City, beginning on September 25, 2024. Tropical Storm Helene, which is predicted to include heavy rainfall, flash flooding, significant flooding of streams/rivers, high winds and possible tornados which could result in downed trees, power outages and hazardous travel conditions for which the declaration of a state of emergency will trigger the ability to take measures to address all of the foregoing conditions as necessary; and

WHEREAS, on September 26, 2024, a state of emergency was declared by the City of Hendersonville Mayor Barbara G. Volk to exist under N.C.G.S. § 166A-19.22, and as authorized by Hendersonville Code of Ordinances Chapter 36, Article V, Division 2; 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, the City of Hendersonville was hit with extraordinary large amounts of rainfall, flooding, and high winds as part of Tropical Storm Helene, resulting in City-wide damage and destruction, having a devasting impact on the City at large, including but not limited blocked and flooded roadways, flooded homes, businesses and public facilities, and widespread power outages; and

WHEREAS, critical City infrastructure of the City, including the wastewater treatment plant have been impacted by the impacts of Helene, resulting in their temporary shutdown, and resulting in the necessary diversion of personnel to restore service; and

WHEREAS, these impacts of Helene have seriously impeded the ability of the City to clear roads, restore critical services, and respond to emergencies and needs in our community, and

WHEREAS, the community is still, and will be for the foreseeable future, recovering from the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, and it is therefore in the interest of protecting the health, safety and welfare, it is necessary to continue this State of Emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, by the power vested in me by the State of North Carolina and pursuant to the City Code of Ordinances, Section 36-182, I, Barbara G. Volk, Mayor of the City of Hendersonville do hereby declare that a state of emergency is in effect, proclaim the effectiveness of emergency, and impose certain restrictions as follows:

- 1. This state of emergency is declared by the City of Hendersonville.
- 2. The state of emergency shall be in effect beginning at 8:00 AM on the 26th day of September, 2024.
- 3. The state of emergency covers the municipal boundaries of the City of Hendersonville, as well as all Cityowned 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 Hendersonville citizens.
- 5. All special event permits are hereby revoked through Sunday, October 13, 2024. Special events permits previously granted for events beginning Monday, October 14, 2024 and following are hereby reinstated.

- 6. All previously enacted curfews are revoked.
- 7. The state of emergency is in effect until rescinded by the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem.
- 8. 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 Hendersonville.

Amended and ratified on this the 10th day of October, 2024.

Barbara G. Volk, Mayor City of Hendersonville