

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE**

**EXTENDED DECLARATION OF A  
LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY**

The following declaration is issued by Board of Commissioners of Buncombe County:

WHEREAS, on September 25, 2024, Governor Roy Cooper signed a State of Emergency declaration allowing him to mobilize resources including State emergency management, transportation, health experts and others in preparation for probable impacts resulting from Tropical Storm Helene, which expected to hit the State and which will influence public safety and transportation over the next several days.

WHEREAS, on Thursday, September 25, 2025 the Buncombe County Commissioners signed a of State of Emergency declaration for Buncombe County ending at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 29, 2024.

WHEREAS, given the historical damage to the area, the State of Emergency needs to be extended for an unknown period or time until formally rescinded.

WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of the Emergency Services Director, the Board finds that an emergency continues to exist for Buncombe County.

WHEREAS, in the judgment of Buncombe County Emergency Services and Public Safety personnel, arrangements must be made immediately to implement plans for the prevention of, preparation for, response to, and recovery from any and all emergency situations that may result from the impacts of this storm.

WHEREAS, the ongoing Emergency Management plans will allow sufficient personnel to be mobilized and positioned in order to continue:

- a. Reduce vulnerability of people and property of Buncombe County to damage, injury, and loss of life and property;
- b. b) To provide for prompt and efficient rescue, care, and treatment of threatened or affected persons;
- c. Coordinate with state and federal agencies for the orderly rehabilitation of persons and restoration of property; and
- d. Provide for cooperation and coordination of activities relating to emergency mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery among agencies and officials of Buncombe County and with similar agencies and officials of other counties, with state and federal governments, with interstate organizations, and with other private and quasi-official organizations.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority contained in Ch. 21, Buncombe County Code of Ordinances and Article 1A of the N.C.G.S. Chapter 166A, the Board of Commissioners, do hereby extended the Local State of Emergency for Buncombe County until formally rescinded. The includes the powers as set forth in N.C.Gen. Stat. 166A-122.31 and Buncombe County Code of Ordinances 21-70 for the preservation of life and property.

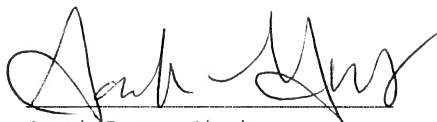
By and with the consent of the mayors of the municipalities within Buncombe County this Declaration of Local State of Emergency applies within the municipal limits of the City of Asheville, the Town of Weaverville, the Town of Woodfin, the Town of Black Mountain, the Town of Montreat, and the Town of Biltmore Forest.

It is further declared that the Emergency Management Plan adopted by Buncombe County, and that all applicable mutual assistance compacts and agreements are in effect and shall continue in effect until this Declaration is formally rescinded. All Emergency Services/Public Safety personnel are hereby ordered to cooperate in the implementations of the provisions of the County's Emergency Management Plan and all applicable mutual assistance compacts and agreements, and to furnish assistance thereunder.

We direct those copies of this extended Declaration be disseminated to the mass communications media for publication and broadcast. This extension shall apply to Buncombe County as described above and be effective immediately, on Sunday, September 29, 2024 at 12:15PM until formally rescinded.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE  
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE



Sarah Gross, Clerk

By: Brownie Newman  
Brownie Newman, Chairman