

RESOLUTION 20-10

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO COMMUNICATE THE TOWN'S OPPOSITION TO FEMA'S CURRENT POLICIES FOR DISASTER DEBRIS IN GATED COMMUNITIES

WHEREAS, the Town of Holden Beach has a prepositioned disaster debris management contract in place with Southern Disaster Recovery to deal with storm related debris; and

WHEREAS, FEMA has specific rules regarding reimbursement expenses for hurricane debris; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Isaias hit the Town of Holden Beach on August 3, 2020, causing damages requiring the activation of the Town's disaster debris management contract with Southern Disaster Recovery; and

WHEREAS, it is the Town of Holden Beach's understanding that current FEMA regulations do not provide for the reimbursement of expenses relating to disaster debris removal inside of gated communities; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Holden Beach activated the contract with Southern Disaster Recovery on August 7, 2020 during an emergency meeting held by the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, during the emergency meeting, the Board of Commissioners were apprised of FEMA's non-reimbursement of disaster debris removal expenses inside gated communities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners authorized expense appropriations for the removal of the disaster debris within the gated communities regardless of FEMA rules regarding reimbursement of said expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Holden Beach is not cognizant of any pending changes to FEMA's policy for reimbursement of disaster debris removal expenses inside gated communities; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Holden Beach recognizes that the removal of disaster debris inside gated communities is a fundamental life, safety, public health and economic recovery issue; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the town manager is authorized to communicate the Town's opposition to FEMA's current non-reimbursement policies for disaster debris in gated communities to any and all appropriate local, state and federal agencies to affect amendment to said policy.

This the 20th day of October, 2020.

J. Alan Holden, Mayor

ATTEST:

Heather Finnell, Town Clerk