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EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION
DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

November 2026 Flooding Event

WHEREAS, A.R.S. § 26-311(A) provides that the Mayor may by proclamation declare an emergency or a local emergency to exist due to any natural or man-made calamity or disaster; and

WHEREAS, A.R.S. § 26-311(B) provides that if an emergency is declared pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-311(A), the Mayor shall during such emergency govern by proclamation and shall have the authority to impose all necessary regulations to preserve the peace and order of the city; and

WHEREAS, Flagstaff City Code Sections 1-22-001-0002(D) and 1-07-001-0004(A) provide that the Mayor may proclaim a civil emergency to exist; and

WHEREAS, beginning on October 31st, 2026, and continuing through November 2nd, 2026, severe weather conditions, including heavy rainfall, flooding, lightning, and high winds, impacted the City of Flagstaff; and

WHEREAS, the City of Flagstaff had already experienced exceptionally wet conditions prior to this event, recording 6.28 inches of precipitation during October 2026, approximately 4.76 inches above normal and ranking as the second wettest October on record, resulting in saturated soils and heightened flood vulnerability throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, the storm system produced widespread rainfall totals up to 4.00 inches across the Flagstaff area, resulting in widespread and significant flooding; and

WHEREAS, flooding and stormwater runoff associated with the San Francisco Wash, Clay Wash, Rio de Flag, Steves Wash, and Fanning Wash resulted in impacts to public infrastructure, transportation systems, residential and commercial areas, and other community assets throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, the severe weather and flooding resulted in road closures, emergency traffic control measures, flooding of and damage to public infrastructure, disruption of normal City operations, and hazardous conditions requiring immediate emergency response; and

WHEREAS, the severe weather and flooding created life-threatening conditions throughout the City, resulting in multiple water rescue operations and loss of life; and

WHEREAS, initial preliminary information indicates that numerous residential properties and commercial businesses sustained flood-related damage, with the full extent of impacts continuing to be evaluated through ongoing damage assessment activities; and

WHEREAS, several impacted areas remained inundated or otherwise inaccessible following the event, limiting the City's ability to fully assess damages and requiring ongoing damage assessment and recovery activities; and

WHEREAS, City departments have undertaken emergency protective measures, including road closures, traffic control, water rescue operations, infrastructure monitoring, damage assessment, debris removal, cleanup efforts, and other actions necessary to protect public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, recovery operations remain ongoing and additional damages and costs may be identified as access improves and assessments continue; and

WHEREAS, the scope and severity of the incident have exceeded the capabilities and resources reasonably available to the City and require assistance beyond local resources to support response and recovery operations; and

WHEREAS, the City requests that Coconino County and the State secure the involvement of any identified or yet to be identified resources to provide technical, financial, or other support as necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. I, Becky Daggett, Mayor of the City of Flagstaff, Arizona, do hereby declare, pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-311(A) and Flagstaff City Code Sections 1-22-001-0002(D) and 1-07-001-0004(A), that an emergency and/or local emergency exists in connection with the October 31st through November 2nd, 2026 Severe Weather and Flooding Event, as further described in the preceding recitals.

SECTION 2. It is ordered that during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of this City shall be those prescribed by State Law, by Ordinances and Resolutions of the City of Flagstaff Citizens are urged to cooperate with this emergency declaration and, to every degree possible, abide by the safety announcements, advisories, and restrictions established by the City, and to cooperate with the community's public safety agencies and emergency services personnel.

PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §38-431.02, as amended, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the general public that during the declared State of Emergency a possible quorum of the Flagstaff City Council may be in attendance during the

periodic Emergency Operations Center and incident debriefs, however, no formal discussion/action will be taken by members in their role as the Flagstaff City Council.

Dated this 2nd day of November, 2026.

Becky Daggett

Becky Daggett, Mayor

Attest:

Stacy Saltzburg

Stacy Saltzburg, City Clerk

Approved as to form and found to be within the powers granted to Mayor of the City of Flagstaff:

For

Sterling T. Solomon, City Attorney

