



# TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL

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Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
11/14/2018	1	Town Council	adopted	Pass

### Designate Town Agents for FEMA Assistance Application Process.

**Staff:**  
Matthew Sullivan, Chief

**Department:**  
Fire Department

**Overview:** Hurricane Florence and its aftermath caused significant damage to public infrastructure, private residences, and business and commercial operations in addition to an increased demand for public services during preparation and recovery activities. Orange County has been included in the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)’s disaster declaration for Hurricane Florence, making the Town eligible to apply for assistance for storm-related recovery activities. The State of North Carolina requires that the Council appoint agents to act on the Town’s behalf during the Hurricane Florence assistance application process.

☆ **Recommendation(s):**

That the Council adopt the resolution designating Vencelin Harris, Emergency Management Coordinator, and Matthew Sullivan, Fire Chief, as agents to act on the Town’s behalf during the Hurricane Florence assistance application process.

**Decision Points:**

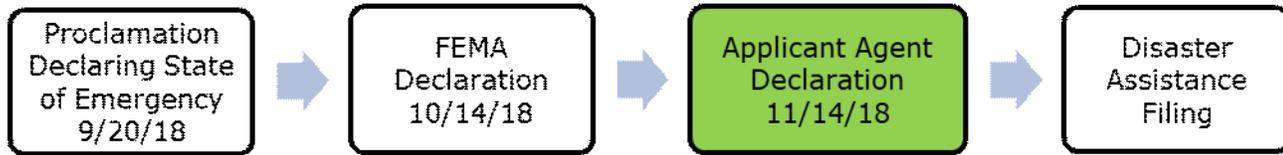
- Designate Vencelin Harris, Emergency Management Coordinator and Matthew Sullivan, Fire Chief, as agents to act on the Town’s behalf during Hurricane Florence assistance application process.

**Key Issues:**

- Council action to designate authorized Town agents is required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

**Fiscal Impact/Resources:** Possible reimbursement of funds from FEMA to the Town for storm related labor, equipment, materials, and repair/mitigation projects.

**Where is this item in its process?**



**Council Goals:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Create a Place for Everyone	<input type="checkbox"/>		Develop Good Places, New Spaces
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Support Community Prosperity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Nurture Our Community
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Facilitate Getting Around	<input type="checkbox"/>		Grow Town and Gown Collaboration



**Attachments:**

- Resolution

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL AGENTS TO REPRESENT AND ACT FOR THE TOWN IN DEALINGS WITH THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) FOR DISASTER ASSISTANCE (2018-11-14/R-2)**

WHEREAS, Hurricane Florence and its aftermath caused significant damage to public infrastructure, private residences, and business and commercial operations in addition to an increased demand for public services during preparation and recovery activities; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor issued a proclamation declaring a state of emergency in the Town of Chapel Hill in the aftermath of the storm on September 20<sup>th</sup> and Orange County was included in the Federal Disaster Declaration (FEMA-4393-DR) on October 14<sup>th</sup>, qualifying the Town to apply for disaster assistance through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); and

WHEREAS, Vencelin Harris, Emergency Management Coordinator and Matthew Sullivan, Fire Chief, have led emergency operations related to storm recovery.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that the Council authorizes Vencelin Harris and Matthew Sullivan to represent and act for the Town in all dealings with the State of North Carolina and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for matters pertaining to Hurricane Florence disaster assistance, as required.

This the 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018.

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**The Agenda will reflect the text below and/or the motion text will be used during the meeting.**

By adopting the resolution, the Council authorizes Vencelin Harris, Emergency Management Coordinator and Matthew Sullivan, Fire Chief, to represent and act for the Town in all dealings with the State of North Carolina and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for matters pertaining to disaster assistance, as required.