

RESOLUTION NO. 2021 – 132
AUTHORIZATION OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Pandemic Emergency of the second wave of COVID-19 constitutes a serious hazard to lives in the City of Cullman and places a strain upon the area healthcare resources; and

WHEREAS, Cullman Regional has requested that the City of Cullman, pursuant to its authority under ALA CODE§ 11-45-1 and CODE§31-9-10 (1975), to provide for the health and safety of persons and property, find it in the best interest of the City due to the climbing hospitalizations accredited to Covid-19 and its variants, to assist the Hospital in providing medical services by providing Fire/EMT and Police services on-site, at the large event occurring this weekend; and

WHEREAS, Governor Kay Ivey issued an Executive Order on August 13, 2021, declaring a state of emergency in the State of Alabama regarding Covid-19 in order to ensure that healthcare resources may be primarily used to fight Covid-19 and the newly formed variants of the virus and allow hospital staffs to insure proper care for those in the hospital and other health care needs; and

WHEREAS, ALA CODE§31-9-10 (1975) provides the power and authority for a political subdivision such as the City of Cullman to declare a state of local emergency and to waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of a political subdivision by law, including but not limited to:

- a. Performance of public work and taking whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community;
- b. Entering into contracts;
- c. Incurring obligations;
- d. Employment of temporary workers;
- e. Utilization of volunteer workers;
- f. Rental equipment;
- g. Acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation, of supplies, materials, and facilities;
- h. Appropriation of expenditure of public funds.
- i. To assign and make available duty the employees, property, or equipment of the city relating to firefighting, engineering, rescue, health, medical and related service, police, transportation, construction, and similar items or services for emergency management purposes, within or outside of the physical limits of the political subdivision.
- j. To assist medical services within or outside of the physical limits of the political subdivision during the State of Emergency as the Council and/or Mayor see fit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 19th day of August, 2021, that the second wave of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) poses a serious threat to the residents of the City of Cullman, Alabama, and the local healthcare system/resources that a State of Local Emergency has been declared, effective 7:00 p.m., on this date for the City of Cullman, Alabama.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 19th day of August, 2021.

President of the City Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 19th day of August, 2021.

Mayor