


City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JANUARY 22, 2009

TO: TH HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER 

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE
DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY FOR THE CITY'S PROVISION
OF SUPPORT FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION

ISSUE: Consideration of a Resolution Confirming the Declaration of Emergency (Attachment 1) for the City's Provision of Support for the Presidential Inauguration.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council adopt the resolution (Attachment 2).

DISCUSSION: As part of our planning for the Northern Virginia region's local response to the Presidential Inauguration activities, the chief administrative officers agreed to pursue local declarations of emergency. This declaration enables us to seek reimbursement for our local expenses in preparing for and staffing the City for this important event. I recommend that City Council adopt the attached resolution.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1. Declaration of Local Emergency
Attachment 2. Proposed Resolution

STAFF:

Michele Evans, Deputy City Manager
Adam Thiel, Fire Chief
Mark Penn, Emergency Management Coordinator

**DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY
CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA**

January 17th through 21st, 2009

WHEREAS, as a result of the Presidential Inauguration on January 20, 2009, extraordinary and unprecedented numbers of people will be in Alexandria and attempting to pass through Alexandria in the days prior to the event and after its conclusion; and

WHEREAS, the events that are happening in and around Alexandria during this period have significant national security implications; and

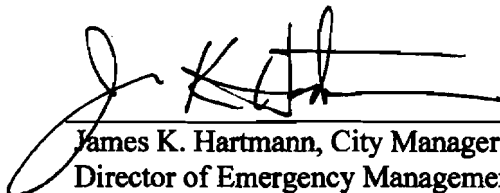
WHEREAS, there is a perpetual threat of unpredictable winter weather during this period; and

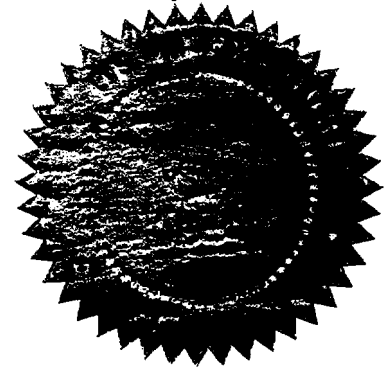
WHEREAS, many of the normal mutual aid assets from immediate jurisdictions are in use; and

WHEREAS, these conditions pose a threat of substantial injury and harm to the public and substantial damage to and loss of property, and have already resulted in an unprecedented requirement for inter-agency and inter-governmental coordination; and

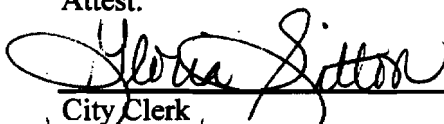
WHEREAS, under the best circumstances, intense coordinated governmental actions will be required to prevent and alleviate the damage and loss threatened by the event;


NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that, effective January 17, 2009, a local emergency exists throughout the City of Alexandria because the circumstances associated with the Presidential Inauguration create the threat of an emergency that threatens to be of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant coordinated local government action to prevent or alleviate the damage, loss, hardship or suffering threatened pursuant to the Code of Virginia §44-146.16 and §44-146.21(a), and that this declaration shall expire at midnight on January 21, 2009, unless extended by the City Manager.


James K. Hartmann, City Manager
Director of Emergency Management



Attest:


City Clerk
City of Alexandria, Virginia

Approved as to form

Acting City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. _____
CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

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WHEREAS, state law and the city code require that such Declaration be approved and confirmed by the Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, as the governing body of the City of Alexandria, Virginia;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA THAT the Declaration of Local Emergency, dated January 17, 2009, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, be, and the same hereby is, approved and confirmed.

Adopted: January 24, 2009

William D. Euille, Mayor

Attest:

Jackie M. Henderson, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2316

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WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR

Attest:


Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk