



## Declaration of State of Emergency 2023-04

**WHEREAS**, on August 7, 2023, County Executive Robert Cassilly issued an emergency message stating, "The NWS (National Weather Service) has advised of a severe storm threat that could impact Harford County between 4 and 8 PM. This storm system could have hurricane force winds in excess of 70 mph, the possibility for large tornadoes and widespread power outages."; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 28 of the City Charter, "Beginning with the first meeting of July 2006, the Mayor and City Council shall regularly meet in the Council Room of City Hall on the first and third Monday of each and every month at 7:00 p.m. and shall remain in session so long as is necessary or desirable."; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 28 of the City Charter, the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and City Council is August 7, 2023, unless a state of emergency is declared and an emergency response is issued; and


**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 18 D of the City Charter, "In the event a state of emergency is declared by the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of Maryland, the Harford County Executive, or the Mayor of the City of Havre de Grace in accordance with the Public Safety Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland then in effect, the Mayor, as Chief Executive Officer of the City, may suspend or extend any timelines or deadlines set forth in this Charter, or in any City Code provision, ordinance, rule, regulation or resolution of the City of Havre de Grace, upon a finding by the Mayor that such suspension or extension does not endanger, or is necessary to protect, the health, welfare or safety of the citizens and City employees, and upon a further finding by the Mayor that the temporary suspension or extension does not deprive any person of their due process rights."

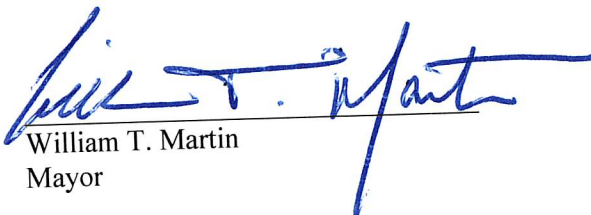
**NOW THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM T. MARTIN**, Mayor of the City of Havre de Grace, by virtue of my oath to uphold the laws of the State of Maryland and authority granted under City Charter Section and 18 D, in an effort to protect the safety, health, and welfare of the citizens and employees of the City of Havre de Grace and to prevent loss of life and injury to persons and property, hereby declare that a State of Emergency exists in the City of Havre de Grace. By virtue of the authority granted under the City Charter,

### IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The August 7, 2023, public hearings for ordinances 1113, 1114, and 1115 are hereby suspended until August 14, 2023.
2. The August 7, 2023, meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Havre de Grace is hereby suspended until August 14, 2023, with a modified agenda.

Issued under my hand and seal this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023.

  
Stephen J. Gamatoria  
Director of Administration

  
William T. Martin  
Mayor