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Weather-Related Chipping Emergency Policy

A **Weather-Related Chipping Emergency** is a severe weather event that results in widespread tree and large branch damage throughout the community to the extent that normal property owner cleanup and routine municipal operations are insufficient to address the volume of debris. Such an event poses a risk to public health, safety, or the continued operation of public infrastructure by obstructing roadways, sidewalks, drainage systems, or emergency access.

The City Administrator, or their designee, may declare a Weather-Related Chipping Emergency when conditions warrant the temporary deployment of the City's contracted chipping services to assist with the removal of storm-generated tree debris. This service deployment will fall under the purview of City Charter Section 2-172 – Emergency Contracts.

Public Notice of a Weather-Related Chipping Emergency will be communicated to residents via the City website, Social Media, LV Text Alerts, posting at City Hall, and other reasonable means (when warranted by the severity of the event). Public notices shall include, at a minimum: confirmation that an emergency declaration has been made, the areas or streets expected to receive chipping service, eligible materials and preparation requirements, the expected collection schedule, and the anticipated end of emergency operations.

In making this determination, consideration may be given to factors including, but not limited to:

- The extent and geographic scope of storm-related tree damage;
- The number of public rights-of-way, sidewalks, or critical infrastructure affected;
- The anticipated volume of woody debris that exceeds normal disposal methods;
- Whether the event has significantly impacted a substantial portion of the community; and
- Recommendations from the Department of Public Services, emergency management officials, or other qualified personnel.

The declaration of a Weather-Related Chipping Emergency is at the sole discretion of the City Administrator and does not create an entitlement to debris removal services for individual properties. The City may establish reasonable limitations regarding eligible materials, collection schedules, and the duration of emergency chipping operations.

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