

## AGENDA REPORT

MEETING: REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 22, 2025 AGENDA CATEGORY: CONSENT AGENDA

**Item:** Ordinance to Amend Chapter 18 of the Code of the City of Lawrenceville,

Georgia related to Emergency Management

**Department:** Office of Communications and Marketing

**Date of Meeting:** Monday, September 22, 2025

Fiscal Impact: N/A

**Presented By:** Chuck Warbington, City Manager

**Action Requested:** Adopt Ordinance to Amend Chapter 18 of the Code of the City of

Lawrenceville, Georgia related to Emergency Management to update provisions related to crisis management, emergency powers of the

Mayor, and outline compliance with the Georgia Emergency Management

Act.

**Summary:** The purpose of the amendment is to update Chapter 18 of the code of ordinances to update provisions related crisis management, emergency powers of the Mayor, and outline compliance with the Georgia Emergency Management Act

## **Background:**

- Chapter 18 formally establishes the City's Crisis Management Plan as the internal operational framework for emergency response, crisis communication, continuity of operations, and recovery.
- The ordinance aligns City of Lawrenceville emergency procedures with the Gwinnett County Emergency Operations Plan and supports compliance with the Georgia Emergency Management Act.
- Clarifies the Mayor's emergency powers, including the authority to declare a local emergency, implement curfews, waive procedures and fees, and enact temporary emergency measures to protect life and property.
- Codifies departmental responsibilities for plan development and execution and incorporates annexes such as facility-level and incident-specific protocols.

- Project scope includes interdepartmental coordination with public safety, communications, public works, and administrative leadership, under the direction of the Executive Management Team.
- No citizen participation is required in the plan's development, but the ordinance supports public protection, essential services, and legal clarity during emergencies.
- Workload impact is minimal, as the framework is already integrated into departmental operations.
- Adoption supports compliance, transparency, and readiness for local, regional, or multijurisdictional emergencies.

Fiscal Impact: N/A

**Concurrences:** City Manager, Chief Communications and Marketing Officer, Assistant City Managers, Chief Financial Officer, Police Chief, City Clerk, City Attorney

## **Attachments/Exhibits:**

• Chapter\_18\_Emergency Management Final