

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY IN COBB COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Georgia declared a State of Emergency for Hurricane Isaias in Georgia on October 8, 2026; and

WHEREAS, as of October 9, 2026, Hurricane Isaias is expected to make landfall near the Alabama and Florida coastlines Friday evening as a Category 3 hurricane; and

WHEREAS, the wind field of Hurricane Isaias is expected to expand before landfall, with impacts extending well outside of the forecast cone and affecting much of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, rain is expected to move into South Georgia during the day Friday, with the primary period of impact across the State expected from Friday evening through Sunday morning; and

WHEREAS, strong, gusty winds are expected Friday night and Saturday, with gusts of up to 40 to 50 miles per hour in western Georgia, as the center of Hurricane Isaias moves through Alabama; and

WHEREAS, high pressure extending into Georgia from the northeast, combined with the nearby low-pressure system associated with Hurricane Isaias, is expected to produce a tight pressure gradient, enhancing wind impacts across much of North Georgia and producing powerful gust across and threats of tornadoes across much of the State, including areas far from the center of the storm; and

WHEREAS, these strong winds and potential tornadoes could cause widespread downed trees and power lines, power outages, and debris-related impacts across the State on Saturday; and

WHEREAS, although widespread flooding is not expected due to the rapid movement of Hurricane Isaias, prolonged heavy rainfall could cause flash flooding in areas that have recently received several inches of rain; and

WHEREAS, the Official Code of Cobb County, Georgia, grants the Chairwoman of the Board of Commissioners authority to declare an emergency for the unincorporated area of the county in the event of an actual or threatened emergency, which may result in the large-scale loss of life, injury, property damages or destruction, or in the major disruption of routine community affairs, business or governmental operations in the county and which is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant extraordinary assistance by federal, state and local departments and agencies to supplement the efforts of available public and private resources, Cobb County Code, Sec. 34-2; and

WHEREAS, following a declaration of emergency and during the continuance of such state of emergency, the Official Code of Cobb County, Georgia, authorizes the chairwoman to

implement local emergency measures to protect life and property or to bring the emergency situation under control, including but not limited to effectuating Sec. 34-7 of the County Code, Cobb County Code, Sec. 34-2; and

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the Chairwoman of the Cobb County Board of Commissioners, in consultation with the County Manager, Cobb County Department of Public Safety (CDPS), Cobb Emergency Management Agency (CEMA), and Department of Transportation (CDOT), there exists an emergency in unincorporated Cobb County requiring extraordinary and immediate corrective actions for the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Cobb County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by local and state law;

IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that a local state of emergency exists in Cobb County and shall be valid and shall continue until Sunday, October 11, 2026, at 11:59 P.M., unless this local state of emergency is renewed by the Chairwoman.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1.

All provisions of this Order shall become effective upon signature; Cobb County Emergency Management Agency shall activate the Emergency Operations Plan; and

2.

The Director of CEMA shall exercise such powers and such responsibilities granted under state and local law to alleviate the emergency within unincorporated Cobb County and restore unincorporated Cobb County to pre-emergency conditions; and

3.

Cobb departments and agencies shall coordinate all public and emergency information, activities, releases, and response efforts related to this emergency with CEMA, CDPS, and CDOT; and

4.

The bid and competitive portions of the County's Procurement Policy are suspended, and the County Manager is authorized to utilize the single-source policy and to require departments to provide a written justification for the procurement during this Declaration of Emergency; and

5.

That if one or more of the provisions contained in this Order shall be held to be invalid, in violation of the Georgia Constitution, in violation of Georgia law, in violation of local ordinance, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, violation, or unenforceability shall not affect any other such provision of this Order, but, in such case, this Order shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained within the Order; and

6.

That no provision of this Order shall limit, infringe, suspend, or supplant any judicial order, judgment, or decree issued pursuant to the laws or constitution of the United States or the laws or constitution of the State of Georgia or, nor shall any person use any provision of this Order as a defense to an action in violation of a judicial order, judgment, or decree by any court created pursuant to the laws or constitution of the United States or constitution of the State of Georgia; and;

7.

This Order does not suspend operation of any local, state or federal law or regulation, except as specifically described herein; and

8.

The Chairwoman of the Board of Commissioners may continue to issue guidance on the scope of this Order as needed through communication media, including social media, without need for further Orders or Declarations; and

9.

The Chairwoman hereby authorizes performance and exercise of such other functions, powers and duties as may be deemed necessary by the Chairwoman, with advice from the County Manager, CEMA, CDPS, CDOT, to promote and secure the safety and protection of the civilian population during and following the Hurricane Isaias emergency; and

10.

This Declaration of Emergency is not intended to and does not create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable in law or equity by any party against Cobb County, its officials, employees, or agents. County employees will continue to be provided separate detailed written guidance on pay and reporting to work during this period.

ENTERED at 3:26 p.m. on October 9, 2026.

COBB COUNTY, GEORGIA

(COUNTY SEAL)



Lisa N. Cupid, CHAIRWOMAN
Cobb County Board of Commissioners



ATTEST:



Pamela L. Mabry, COUNTY CLERK
Cobb County Board of Commissioners