

CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS  
ORDINANCE NO. 3646

**AN ORDINANCE SUPPORTING MAYOR HILL'S JUNE 30, 2023  
STORM DISASTER DECLARATION**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Columbia ("City"), Monroe and St. Clair Counties, Illinois is a duly created, organized and validly existing municipality of the State of Illinois under the 1970 Illinois Constitution and the laws of the State of Illinois, including particularly the Illinois Municipal Code, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act (20 ILCS 3305/10) and Chapter 2.60.020 of the City Code gives the Mayor authority to declare an emergency when the definition of an emergency is met; and

**WHEREAS**, on Friday, June 30, 2023, the City experienced a storm event with sustained windspeeds in excess of seventy miles per hour causing widespread damage and destruction to structures, and trees, and disruption to electric distribution, and other critical infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of this storm event, extraordinary measures were required, and have been implemented, to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the City and its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Administration of the City has coordinated its response with other municipal, Monroe County, and State governmental entities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois as follows:

**Section 1.** The recitals contained above in the preamble of this Ordinance are hereby incorporated herein by reference, the same as if set forth in this Section of this Resolution verbatim, as findings of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois.

**Section 2.** The June 30, 2023, Mayoral Storm Disaster Declaration is fully supported by the City Council of the City of Columbia.

**Section 3.** The City Council hereby waives the 48-hour provision of Chapter 2.60.050, and the Mayor's Storm Disaster Declaration shall remain effective retroactive to 9:00PM Friday, June 30, 2023, and remain in full force and effect until August 7, 2023, or until the Mayor cancels same, whichever comes first

**Section 4.** This Ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval, as provided by law.

**PASSED** by the City Council and **APPROVED** by the Mayor of the City of Columbia, Illinois and deposited and filed in the office of the City Clerk on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023, the vote being taken by ayes and noes and entered upon the legislative record as follows:

AYES: Aldermen Niemietz, Huch, Holtkamp, Riddle, Garmer, Khoury, Lawlor, and Nobbe.

NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: None.

APPROVED:

  
BOB HILL, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
ANDREW HITZEMANN, City Clerk

(SEAL)