

Declaration of a Local State of Emergency

DONNA M. GAYDEN, City Manager of the City of Long Beach, County of Nassau, State of New York, pursuant to the power vested in her by Section 20 of the Charter of the City of Long Beach and the laws of the State of New York, including Section 24 of the New York State Executive Law to preserve the public safety and render all required and available assistance vital to the security, well-being and health of the citizens of Long Beach, hereby exercises that authority and declares as follows:

WHEREAS, on the afternoon of July 13, 2021, a sailboat occupied and piloted by one individual was unable to navigate the vessel away from the shoreline near the Riverside Boulevard beach;

WHEREAS, the pilot of that vessel dropped anchor and sought the assistance of the Nassau County Bay Constable, who extracted the pilot from the vessel;

WHEREAS, the sailboat, with anchor still dropped, drifted towards the City of Long Beach shore line by Riverside Boulevard;

WHEREAS, portions of the vessel have broken off and washed ashore on the beaches of Long Beach, Riverside and Monroe Boulevards;

WHEREAS, the vessel ultimately sank and is believed to be leaking fuel by the shoreline;

WHEREAS, the debris from the vessel and fuel leakage pose an imminent danger to the health and safety of the City of Long Beach's beach-going public at the foregoing beaches;

WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach has coordinated with and sought the assistance of federal, state and local authorities in removing the wreckage;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a Local State of Emergency relative to this sailboat wreckage is declared and exists in the City of Long Beach effective at 12:01 a.m. on July 14, 2021;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the beaches on Riverside, Monroe, and Long Beach Boulevards are hereby closed for swimming until the wreckage and debris can be cleared and those beaches are deemed safe for swimming; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that this State of Emergency will remain in effect for thirty (30) days, or until rescinded by a subsequent order, whichever occurs first.

Dated: July 14, 2021



DONNA M. GAYDEN
CITY MANAGER