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October 12, 2016

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Kim Stenson, Director
SC Emergency Management Division
2779 Fish Hatchery Road
Columbia, SC 29172

Re: Waiver for Removal of Debris Operations on Private Roads and Gated Communities

Dear Director Stenson:

As you are aware, Georgetown County along with other coastal counties, and the entire State of South Carolina have been left with an astounding amount of vegetation refuse and construction debris (C&D) in the wake of Hurricane Matthew. It is of vital interest to Georgetown County to begin immediate efforts to manage the threats and hazards this debris poses to public safety and the wellbeing of our citizens. As a result, Georgetown County has activated its debris management plan, effective immediately.

Federal reimbursement for providing debris removal in gated communities, and on private roads with multiple residences is prohibited by FEMA'S Public Assistance Program and Procedure Guide (January 2016). I am contacting you, to request South Carolina Emergency Management Division (SCEMD) support in waiving this regulation for Hurricane Matthew debris removal, not only on behalf of Georgetown County, but statewide.

Georgetown County believes that ensuring the safety and welfare of ALL citizens is paramount to everything else that we do. The accumulation of storm debris within the right-of-way on roads and streets creates unnecessary hazards, traffic congestion, driving risks, and inhibits the County in providing essential services to protect the health, safety, and welfare of our citizens, including law enforcement, and emergency fire and medical services. Georgetown County Council believes that debris removal is critical in alleviating effects of this storm in ALL communities, and the County should not be disqualified from receiving reimbursement for services provided to those living on private roads or within gated communities.

Please note, that in August 2016, FEMA'S Federal Coordinating Officer (FCO) granted this waiver for communities in the State of Louisiana following DR-4277-LA allowing reimbursement for debris removal along private roads and gated communities, and we urge your review of the existing conditions in South Carolina which would warrant similar action.

On behalf of Georgetown County's residents, and visitors, we would be most appreciative of your assistance and support regarding this crucial matter and our recovery efforts.

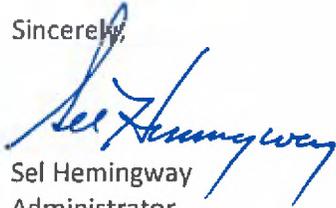
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Sincerely,



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