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In coordination with Charleston County, the City of Isle of Palms is now at Operating Condition 1, which means that an emergency is occurring. City administrative offices are closed today and tomorrow; however, essential personnel remain on the island making final preparations.

This morning Mayor Cronin signed a Proclamation declaring a State of Emergency for the Isle of Palms, South Carolina. “The emergency declaration will allow emergency ordinances adopted by Charleston County Council to be enforceable in Isle of Palms and authorizes County and State law enforcement officers to enforce these emergency ordinance in the City,” said Mayor Cronin.

Once the Governor’s evacuation order came into effect yesterday at 3:00 p.m., the City’s Fire Department deployed personnel to every IOP street and announced that an evacuation had been ordered. “For people with special needs, doors were knocked on and citizens encouraged to evacuate,” said the Mayor. “Fortunately, our residents and visitors have heeded the evacuation order and started evacuating Tuesday evening.”

The City’s Public Works Department continues to work to take debris off the island and will continue to do until the weather degrades.

Sandbags remain available at the Municipal Parking Lot on Pavilion Drive.

In addition to monitoring the winds and rain, the City will be paying particular attention to beach erosion and being prepared to act to preserve life and property.

Current predictions include tropical storm force and hurricane force winds. Eight to fourteen (8-14) inches of rain are predicted with an expected storm surge of four to eight (4 -8) feet.

However, citizens should carefully monitor the weather for possible changes to these conditions, especially since the storm continues to strengthen.