



SMALL TOWN, BIG BEACH

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## **Hurricane Ida - Update #4**

### **City of Gulf Shores Declares Local State of Emergency due to the Effects of Hurricane Ida**

**Gulf Shores, Ala.** – Earlier today, City of Gulf Shores Mayor Robert Craft and members of the City Council declared a local state of emergency for the City of Gulf Shores due to imminent threats from Hurricane Ida.

As of the 11 a.m. CST advisory issued by the National Weather Service, a Tropical Storm Warning, Storm Surge Warning, and Tornado Watch are now in effect for the Coastal Baldwin County area, which includes the City of Gulf Shores and the surrounding areas.

A dangerous rainfall and flooding event is likely for our area. Significant rainfall totals in the amount of 5-10 inches are possible, with isolated amounts up to 15 inches now through Tuesday. The City encourages residents in low-lying areas, including West Beach, Little Lagoon, Plash Island, Fort Morgan Peninsula, RV/Mobile Homes, and any other rising-water, flood-prone areas, to be prepared to seek higher ground and protect themselves if necessary.

At this time, travel is discouraged. Do not venture out on the roadways unless absolutely necessary. If you come across roadblocks or barricades due to flooded conditions, do not attempt to drive around. At this time, Windmill Ridge Road is closed, and a number of other roadways are expected to be inundated with water during this storm event. These include, but are not limited to the following:

- Windmill Ridge Road
- Hwy 182
- Creekview Drive
- West 3rd Ave
- West 4th Ave
- West 5th Ave
- West 6th Ave
- West 8th Ave
- West 12th Ave
- Sunset Drive
- Hwy 59 – between Waterville and Bayou Village Bridge
- Sunrise Drive
- Minnow Lane
- West Lagoon Ave
- Brigadoon Trail
- Lagoon Winds Drive
- Waterway West
- Plash Island

All beachfront public parking lots, including Little Lagoon Pass, are closed at this time and will remain closed until the storm has passed and clean up can be completed.

**Gulf Waters Remain Closed.** Double red flags are currently flying in Gulf Shores, indicating that the waters are closed due to life-threatening surf and rip currents. Those who enter the water are subject to a fine and possible arrest.

Out of an abundance of caution for the safety of our employees and our residents, all City offices and facilities will be closed tomorrow, August 30. These include:

- City Hall
- Community Development
- Municipal Court
- David L. Bodenhamer Recreation Center
- Thomas B. Norton Public Library
- City Store

Essential City Services including Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments will continue to respond to emergency situations. If you have an emergency, dial 9-1-1.

The Special City Council meeting scheduled for Monday, August 30 has been rescheduled to Tuesday, August 31 at 4 p.m.

Residential and commercial trash services will be delayed one day i.e., Monday pick-up will occur Tuesday, August 31.

A limited amount of sand is still available for residents at the Gulf Shores Sportsplex, located at 19025 Oak Road West. Sandbags and shovels are not provided, but can be purchased at local hardware and home improvement stores.

**Residents should continue to closely monitor the progress of Hurricane Ida through local media and the National Weather Service Mobile at [www.weather.gov/mob](http://www.weather.gov/mob)**

The City of Gulf Shores will continue to share updates through our website and social media channels. To receive updates via email or text message, please visit [www.gulfshoresal.gov](http://www.gulfshoresal.gov) and click on “Notify Me.”

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