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**City Of Georgetown
Local Weather Statement
Tropical Storm Hanna
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This is official information from the City of Georgetown issued by Mayor Lynn Wood Wilson's Office.

The National Weather Service Office in Wilmington is forecasting potential hurricane conditions for the Georgetown area Friday or Friday night, with the approach of Tropical Storm Hanna.

Tropical Storm Hanna is expected to begin affecting our area sometime during the afternoon Friday with gale force winds and heavy rainfall. According to the forecast wind gusts as high as 45 to 50 mph are possible.

Flooding is likely in low-lying areas and flood prone areas. Residents are urged to take precautions to protect property and materials subject to flooding.

You should be completing preparations for the storm. Be sure to secure items in your yard to keep them from becoming projectiles during wind gusts. Prepare for evacuation if your neighborhood is in the evacuation area. Georgetown County Shelters are at Pleasant Hill High School and Andrews Elementary School.

If you need transportation to a shelter the pickup points in the City are Foodlion South on south Fraser Street; St. Stephens AME Church on Winyah Street and the old Walmart building on North Fraser Street. Information on pick up times will be broadcast on WGEO when evacuation orders are issued.

City departments are preparing for possible flooding conditions. Motorists are urged to avoid areas that commonly flood like Fraser Street from Front to Highmarket, Front from Fraser to Cleland, Prince from Fraser to Cleland, Dozier from Church to Highmarket. Areas known to flood during thunderstorms should be avoided. Motorists are cautioned not to drive through water, as it may be likely the roadway has washed away, and not to drive around barricades.

Tropical Storm Winds are possible during the next 36 hours. Interruptions in electrical service will be handled promptly; widespread outages normally associated with tropical

systems are not anticipated. If you experience an outage, please call 545-4600 and report your address and telephone number. All electric crews will be on duty to handle any interruptions in service.

Police and Fire crews are at full strength to handle any emergencies. Please dial 911 only for emergencies. The City's radio station, WGEO FM 105.7 is broadcasting storm information.

City officials will continue to monitor the storm very closely and will issue additional information as conditions warrant.