



## STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: June 30, 2014

Agenda Item #: 9g

**TO:** Mayor and Town Council  
**FROM:** Susan Parker, Town Administrator  
**TITLE:** Chapter 91 Civil Emergencies

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**Summary:** In July, 2012, the Council approved an amendment to Chapter 91 Civil Emergencies to remove the Mayor's authority to declare a state of emergency. The amendment empowered the Council with the necessary authority instead of the Mayor. In April 2014, Attorney Isenberg reminded Council that NCGS only allows the Mayor or the full Council to issue a State of Emergency. During the 2014 winter ice storm, difficulties were experienced with gathering Council to make decisions and authority granted to the Administrator was granted in violation of NCGS.

**Council Action:** Council is requested to consider amending Chapter 91 to authorize the Mayor as outlined in Chapter 91.