

**RESOLUTION 2026-01**

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ASSISTANCE TO PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OWNERS SUFFERING DAMAGE DUE TO WINTER STORM FERN.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Belle Meade ("City") and its residents have recently suffered widespread damage and devastation from the natural disaster called Winter Storm Fern; and

**WHEREAS**, the City lies within an area that has been declared a natural disaster area by Tennessee Governor Bill Lee; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §7-51-1601, a municipality within such a natural disaster area shall have access to and may spend public funds to assist in cleaning up debris and fallen trees on private residential property, if a request is made by the owner of such property for such assistance

**WHEREAS**, the City may under the above circumstances adopt a plan for providing natural disaster relief to private residential property;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** The Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the City Public Works Department and private contractors engaged by the City and to spend public funds to assist private property owners requesting assistance to:

- A. remove trees and storm debris from creeks and waterways flowing across or adjacent to such properties only to the extent necessary to remove blockages and restore natural water flow; and
- B. repair areas of right of way, driveways, and front yards damaged by vehicles and equipment used to clean-up trees and storm debris from City streets.

**SECTION 2.** This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage, the general welfare of the City of Belle Meade, Tennessee requiring it.

Date of Adoption: February 18, 2026

  
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Mayor Rusty Moore  
  
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City Recorder Rusty Terry