

RESOLUTION 2023-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WAUCHULA, FLORIDA (CITY), DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE WHATEVER PRUDENT ACTIONS WHICH MAY BE NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY AND CUSTOMERS OF THE CITY'S UTILITIES SYSTEMS PURSUANT TO THIS DECLARATION; RATIFYING AND AFFIRMING SUCH ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE CITY MANAGER PRIOR TO THIS DECLARATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, by Executive Order, Number 2023-171, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida declared that a state of emergency exists in the State of Florida (State); and

WHEREAS, Section 252.38, Florida Statutes, provides for emergency management powers of political subdivisions of the State of Florida, including, without limitation, counties such as Hardee County, and municipalities such as the City of Wauchula (City); and

WHEREAS, Section 252.38(3)(a), Florida Statutes, empowers municipalities to declare a state of local emergency for seven (7) days, which may be extended, as necessary in seven (7) day increments; and

WHEREAS, Section 252.38(3)(a), Florida Statutes, empowers municipalities to waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required by law pertaining to:

- A. Performance of public work and taking whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community;
- B. Entering into contracts;
- C. Incurring obligation;
- D. Employment of permanent and temporary workers;
- E. Utilization of volunteer workers;
- F. Rental of Equipment;
- G. Acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation, of supplies, materials, and facilities;
- H. Appropriation and expenditure of public funds.

WHEREAS, Hurricane Idalia may produce significant damage, flooding and the possibility of other unusual weather conditions associated with this that may require expedient action to protect the health, safety and welfare of the community.

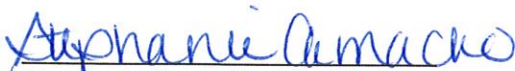
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF CITY OF WAUCHULA, FLORIDA, THAT:

1. A state of local emergency is hereby declared for all of the City of Wauchula, Florida effective August 29, 2023 for a period of seven (7) days, that is, until September 4, 2023, unless sooner terminated by the City Commission.
2. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to take whatever prudent actions that may be necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City and customers of the City's utilities systems.
3. The procedures and formalities otherwise required by law pertaining to the actions enumerated as A. through H. herein above are hereby waived for the duration of this declaration and any extensions thereof. The City Manager may take such actions on behalf of the City.
4. Upon its adoption by the City Commission, this resolution shall be effective as of August 29, 2023.


DULY PASSED, AND ADOPTED this 29th day of August, 2023, at a special meeting of the City Commission of the City of Wauchula, Florida.

(SEAL)

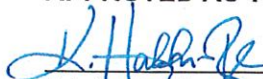
ATTEST:


Stephanie Camacho, City Clerk

CITY OF WAUCHULA, FLORIDA


Richard Keith Nadaskay, Jr., Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Kristie Hatcher Bolin, City Attorney