

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-09

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA DECLARING AND EXTENDING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO THE IMPACTS ASSOCIATED WITH HURRICANE MILTON WHICH MOVED ACROSS THE STATE OF FLORIDA; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on October 4, 2024, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order No. 24-214 declaring a state of emergency due to the impacts associated with Hurricane Milton which moved across the State of Florida;

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2024 City Council approved Resolution No. 2025-04 which declared a local state of emergency due to the impacts associated with Hurricane Milton, which was subsequently extended on October 14, 2024 by Resolution No. 2025-05, by Resolution No. 2025-06 on October 21, 2024, by Resolution No. 2025-07 on October 28, 2024 and by Resolution No. 2025-08 on November 4, 2024; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions set forth in Section 252.38(3)(a)(5), Florida Statutes, a municipality has the authority to declare a state of local emergency for a period of time up to seven (7) days, which may be extended as necessary in seven (7) day increments, and to waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of political subdivisions by law pertaining to:

- a. Performance of public works projects including taking whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the community;
- b. Entering into contracts;
- c. Incurring obligations;
- 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; and
- h. Appropriation and expenditure of public funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of New Port Richey that the state of local emergency is hereby extended for a period of time up to seven (7) days effective as of 12:00 a.m. November 12, 2024, at which time the period may be extended as necessary in additional seven (7) day increments for a period of time up to seven (7) days by subsequent resolution, and all territory within the legal incorporated boundaries of the City of New Port Richey, Pasco County, Florida shall be embraced by the provision of this emergency resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby exercises its home rule and statutory authority and waives the procedures and formalities required by law of a political subdivision, as provided in Chapter 252, Florida Statutes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby designates the City Manager as the declaring official for all purposes necessary to implement the provisions of this resolution including but not limited to expenditure of funds and implementation of an emergency curfew.

All public officials and employees of the City of New Port Richey are hereby directed to

exercise the utmost diligence in discharge of duties required of them for the duration of the emergency and in the execution of emergency laws, regulations and directives, both state and local.

All citizens are called upon and directed to comply with necessary emergency measures, to cooperate with public officials and civil emergency/disaster service forces in executing emergency operational plans, and to obey and comply with the lawful directions of properly identified public officers.

DATED THIS 6th day of November, 2024.

ATTEST:

Judy Meyers, MMC, City Clerk

Alfred C. Davis, Mayor

Approved as to form:

Timothy P. Driscoll, City Attorney