

Proclamation



STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY AND ACTIVATING THE TOWN OF INDIAN SHORES COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN.

WHEREAS, Section 252.38(3)(a), Florida Statutes, gives authority to political subdivisions to declare and enact a State of Local Emergency for a period of up to seven (7) days and to take certain measures that are in the interest of the public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Indian Shores is in imminent danger from **Tropical Storm Helene**, which is expected to strengthen into a Category 3 or 4 hurricane before making landfall; and

WHEREAS, on the 23rd day of September, 2024, the Governor of the State of Florida issued Executive Order Number 24-208, declaring a State of Emergency for various counties in Florida, including Pinellas County; and

WHEREAS, the Pinellas County Board of Commissioners met on the 24th day of September, 2024, and declared a Local State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Town's Emergency Ordinances are contained in Chapter 26, Town of Indian Shores Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, these conditions constitute a potential life threatening situation for the citizens and visitors to the Town of Indian Shores and are expected to continue for some undefined period of time; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Indian Shores has a municipal emergency management program, ("Plan"); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Proclamation is to implement the Plan and authorize all Town officers, employees, and agents to perform their respective duties, functions, and obligations as set forth in such Plan, the State Emergency Management Act and the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement, and all other legal authority, under the general direction and control of the Incident Commander, as set forth in such Plan and law.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Diantha Schear, Mayor of the Town of Indian Shores, at a duly called Emergency Meeting of the Town Council, hereby issue the following Proclamation:

1. A State of Local Emergency is hereby declared as of this 24th day of September, 2024, at 12:00 PM, and the Town of Indian Shores Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan is hereby implemented.

2. Pursuant to Section 252.38(3)(a)5., Florida Statutes, the Town has the power and authority 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 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.
- h. Appropriation and expenditure of public funds.

3. For purposes of Town decision making authority and implemented union contracts, this State of Local Emergency shall be deemed a state of emergency pursuant to Chapter 26 of the Town Code of Ordinances.

4. The Local State of Emergency shall remain in effect for a period of seven (7) days unless extended or cancelled before such time expires.

5. Nothing herein shall be construed to conflict with applicable provisions of state law or the Pinellas County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.

DONE AND ORDERED this this 24th day of September, 2024, at Indian Shores, Florida.


Diantha Schear, Mayor
Indian Shores, Florida

ATTEST:


Freddie Lozano, CMC
Town Clerk

