

**TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA**

**EMERGENCY ORDER 2024-001**

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**Hurricane Helene**

**September 25, 2024**

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the State of Florida has issued Executive Order Number 24-208 and 24-209 declaring that a State of Emergency exists in every county in the State of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, Lake County has issued Lake County Emergency Order 2024-02 declaring a State of Local Emergency for Lake County, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, Hurricane Helene poses a severe threat to the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills and requires that timely precautions are taken to protect the citizens and visitors of the Howey-in-the-Hills, critical infrastructure and general welfare of the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, provides authority for a political subdivision such as the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills to declare a State of Local Emergency and to waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of political subdivisions by law including, but not limited to:

1. Performance of public work and taking whatever action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community;
2. Entering into contracts;
3. Incurring obligations;
4. Employment of permanent and temporary workers;
5. Utilization of volunteer workers;
6. Rental of equipment;
7. Acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation, of supplies, materials and facilities;
8. Appropriation and expenditure of public funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills, pursuant to its home rule powers, has adopted certain emergency procedures;

**NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida and the powers assigned to the Town Manager by the Charter of the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida, it is ORDERED:**

**SECTION 1. Extended Emergency Declaration.** An extension to the Local State of Emergency is hereby declared pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, for all areas within the boundaries of the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills. Said State of Local Emergency may be terminated by the Town Manager of the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills, in writing, or by Resolution of City Council.

**SECTION 2,** This Emergency Order is an emergency measure necessary for the protection of the public health, welfare, and safety due to the proximity of Hurricane Nicole.

**SECTION 3. Effective Date.** This Emergency Order shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**ORDERED** this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.



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By: John Brock  
John Brock  
Deputy Town Manager

Attest:

Rick Thomas  
Rick Thomas  
Police Chief