



**NOTICE**  
**A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF**  
**THE CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY**  
**WILL BE HELD ON**  
**Tuesday, September 24, 2024 AT 8:00AM**  
**NEW PORT RICHEY CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**5919 MAIN STREET, NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA**

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ANY PERSON DESIRING TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE CITY COUNCIL, WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT ANY MEETING OR HEARING, WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS AND MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED. THE LAW DOES NOT REQUIRE THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSCRIBE VERBATIM MINUTES; THEREFORE, THE APPLICANT MUST MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS WITH A PRIVATE REPORTER (OR PRIVATE REPORTING FIRM) AND BEAR THE RESULTING EXPENSE. (F.S.286.0105)

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA

TO THE CITY MANAGER, TO THE CITY CLERK, TO THE DEPARTMENT HEADS, TO THE CITY ATTORNEY, TO THE CITY ENGINEER OF SAID CITY

Notice is hereby given that I, Alfred C. Davis, Mayor-Councilmember of New Port Richey, Florida, do hereby call a SPECIAL MEETING of the City Council of New Port Richey, Florida at 8:00 AM on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, at City Hall, 5919 Main Street, New Port Richey, Florida.

**ORDER OF**  
**BUSINESS**

1. Call to Order – Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Moment of Silence
4. Business Items
  - a. Resolution No. 2025-02: Declaring a Local State of Emergency - Page 3
5. Communications
6. Adjournment



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Alfred C. Davis, Mayor-Council Member

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**TO:** Honorable Members of City Council

**FROM:** Debbie L. Manns, City Manager

**DATE:** September 24, 2024

**RE:** Resolution No. 2025-02: Declaring a Local State of Emergency  
RE: Hurricane Helene

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**REQUEST:**

The request is for City Council to approve a resolution to declare a local state of emergency in anticipation of the impacts associated with Hurricane Helene.

**DISCUSSION:**

On September 23, 2024, the National Weather Service (NWS) issued an advisory for potential tropical cyclone nine which has formed in the Caribbean. The NWS computer models are in better agreement that the system will move into the eastern Gulf of Mexico where it will strengthen into Hurricane Helene. Although it is too early to know the certain path of the potential storm, it is out of an abundance of caution that the City issue a local state of emergency in preparation of any impacts to our area as a result of the strengthening system. The local state of emergency will go into effect as of 12:01 a.m. on September 25, 2024 and will remain in effect for seven days.

It should be noted that Pasco County is also currently working on drafting their resolution to declare a countywide local state of emergency.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that City Council approve the attached resolution declaring a local state of emergency in anticipation of the impacts associated with Hurricane Helene as submitted.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

No funding is required for this item.

**ATTACHMENT:** Resolution No. 2025-02: Declaring a Local State of Emergency RE: Hurricane Helene

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-02**

**RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO THE IMPACTS ASSOCIATED WITH HURRICANE HELENE WHICH IS ANTICIPATED TO MOVE ACROSS THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, on \_\_\_\_\_, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order No. \_\_\_\_\_ declaring a state of emergency due to the impacts associated with Hurricane Helene which is anticipated to move across the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. \_\_\_\_\_ includes numerous counties within the storm's forecast area including Pasco County; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Port Richey has already begun preparations for the impending emergency weather conditions, and has determined that a severe threat exists to the life, health, property, and the welfare of the residents of the City of New Port Richey; and

WHEREAS, the hurricane poses a severe threat to the City of New Port Richey and may cause extensive damage to public utilities, public buildings, public streets and roads, public drainage systems, and commercial and residential buildings and areas; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby authorizes the City through the implementation of the City Manager to enter into a state of emergency pursuant to its home rule authority; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and specifically Section 252.38, Florida Statutes, provides authority for a municipality such as the City of New Port Richey 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 low pressure system poses a serious threat to public infrastructure and the life, health, property, and welfare of the City of New Port Richey and its residents, and that a state of local emergency is hereby declared effective at 12:01 a.m. September 25, 2024 for a period of time up to seven (7) days, which time period may be extended as necessary in additional seven (7) day increments 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.

ATTEST:

CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA

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Judy Meyers, MMC, City Clerk

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Alfred C. Davis, Mayor/Council Member

Approved as to legal form and content:

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Timothy P. Driscoll, Esq.  
City Attorney