

EXECUTIVE ORDER EXTENDING THE DECLARED LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR COVID-19 AND TROPICAL STORM ISAIAS

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2020, the Seminole County Chairman executed Executive Order 2020-001, declaring a Local State of Emergency under the provisions of Chapter 72, Seminole County Code, due to the serious health threat to those within the County arising from and related to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”); and

WHEREAS, the Local State of Emergency has been extended every seven (7) days since March 2, 2020 due to the ongoing health threat to those within the County related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, Executive Order 2020-004 was issued for the purpose of tolling all pending due dates, expiration dates, or termination dates in Zoning and Land Use applications, agreements, resolutions, ordinances, building permits, along with Code Enforcement compliance dates, until the Local State of Emergency under Executive Order 2020-001 has expired or been rescinded; and

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis executed Executive Order 20-112, which provides a step-by-step plan for Florida’s recovery by promoting business operations and economic recovery while maintaining focus on core safety principles; and

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis executed Executive Order 20-139, which introduces Phase 2 of Florida’s Step-by-Step Plan for Recovery, and goes into effect on June 5, 2020 at 12:01a.m.; and

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2020, Seminole County enacted Executive Order 2020-30, requiring Social Distancing and the use of Face Coverings within Seminole County; and

WHEREAS, the development of Tropical Storm Isaias caused an imminent threat to residents and property located in Seminole County due to the following conditions: severe weather; very high winds; heavy rain; possible tornadoes and possible flooding; and

WHEREAS, on July 29, 2020, the Seminole County Chairman executed Executive Order 2020-035, amending the Local State of Emergency to include the danger posed by Tropical Storm Isaias; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 continues to pose an imminent health hazard and an increased risk of infection to residents of the County and healthcare, first responders, and emergency medical service workers caring for patients with COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Section 252.38(3)(a)(5), Florida Statutes, provides authority for counties to declare a Local State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, Section 72.4, Seminole County Code, grants the authority to declare a local state of emergency to the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners; or the Vice-Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners in the event of incapacitation or unavailability of the Chairman; or in the event of the unavailability or incapacitation of both the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman, then the Commissioner who has served for the longest continual period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BY THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

Section 1. Extension of Declared Local State of Emergency. Due to the continued health risk to the residents of Seminole County caused by COVID-19 and the imminent danger posed by Tropical Storm Isaias, Seminole County continues to develop action response plans, procure personal protective equipment, undergo pandemic preventative training and exercise coordination, and the necessary precautions due to the inclement severe weather, very high winds, heavy rain, extensive debris, possible tornadoes, and possible flooding. The Local State of Emergency will remain in effect within the legal boundaries of Seminole County, Florida for seven (7) days from the date hereof and may be extended by Executive Order as necessary in seven (7) day increments.

Section 2. Waiver of Procedures and Formalities Otherwise Required. Due to the extension of the Local State of Emergency, the procedures and formalities required of the County by law or ordinance continue to be waived as they pertain 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; and
- (h) Appropriation and expenditure of public funds.

Section 3. Alterations or Rescission. This Extension of the Declared Local State of Emergency may be altered or rescinded either by the issuance of a subsequent Executive Order or by an appropriate Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners.

ORDERED this 3rd day of August, 2020; at

8:35am

By: _____


Jay Zembower, Chairman
Seminole County Board of County Commissioners