

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2024-01
CITY OF KISSIMMEE, FLORIDA
LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION
RELATING TO TROPICAL STORM HELENE

WHEREAS, Governor Desantis issued Executive Order 24-209, declaring a state of emergency in several counties in the State of Florida, including Osceola County, where the City of Kissimmee is located, due to dangers presented by Tropical Storm Helene (previously called Potential Tropical Cyclone Nine), which is moving northwest over the Caribbean Sea and is expected to turn into a tropical storm this afternoon and a hurricane over the eastern Gulf of Mexico on Wednesday;

WHEREAS, the forecast models indicate a possibility of rapid intensification of this system, creating the threat of inclement weather, heavy rainfall, flash flooding, strong winds, and potential for isolated tornadic activity, which may lead to damage to property, including private homes, businesses and critical public and private infrastructure, and may pose threats to general health, safety and welfare to the residents of Kissimmee, Florida; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 252.38, Florida Statutes, it is the innate responsibility of local governments to safeguard the life and property of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, The City Manager is the Chief Administrative Officer of the City, and pursuant to City Code Section 14-20, is empowered to declare a local state of emergency whenever he determines that a threat of a national disaster is imminent and requires immediate and expeditious action.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE STEIGERWALD, as City Manager of the City of Kissimmee, Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in me by City Code Chapter 14, titled "Civil Emergencies" and by the Florida Emergency Management Act, as amended and all other applicable laws, promulgate the following Executive Order, to take immediate effect:

Section 1. I declare that Potential Tropical Cyclone Nine may pose a threat to the City of Kissimmee and hereby declare a LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY beginning September 23, 2024, which shall continue until I find the threat of danger no longer exists, but not longer than seven days from the date hereof, unless extended pursuant to provisions of Florida Statute Section 252.38.

Section 2. In responding to the emergency, the City may be required to suspend the application of specific rules, ordinances, and orders administered by the City. The City Manager or his designee may execute interlocal agreements, mutual aid agreements, or addendums to existing franchise agreements or enter into any other agreement for the benefit of the City to assist in the emergency operation as provided pursuant to City Code Chapter 14, Civil Emergencies.



ATTEST:

Tameara Crespo for
City Clerk

CITY OF KISSIMMEE

Mike Steigerwald
Mike Steigerwald, City Manager