

RESOLUTION NO. 24-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CLEARWATER, FLORIDA, CONFIRMING DECLARATIONS OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY; ESTABLISHING EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES; ESTABLISHING EMERGENCY EMPLOYEE WORK SCHEDULES; WAIVING CERTAIN BUILDING PERMIT FEES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, a state of emergency in the City of Clearwater was proclaimed by Mayor Bruce Rector on October 7, 2024, and extended on October 14, 2024, and October 21, 2024, based on conditions surrounding Hurricane Milton; and

WHEREAS, the entire City of Clearwater was impacted by the wind, rain, and storm surge of Hurricane Milton and the disruption of services; and

WHEREAS, conditions arising from the above-stated emergency necessitated the establishment of emergency procurement procedures; and

WHEREAS, conditions arising from the above-stated emergency necessitated the establishment of emergency employee work schedules and compensation;

WHEREAS, conditions arising from the above-stated emergency necessitated the waiver of certain types of building permit fees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEARWATER, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The declaration of a state of emergency proclaimed on October 7, 2024, and the extensions on October 14, 2024, and October 21, 2024, are hereby confirmed.

Section 2. It was necessary to establish the following emergency procurement procedures:

- The bid/quote requirements were suspended;
- Awards of contract for specified department directors were increased from \$25,000 to \$50,000;
- The City Manager and Assistant City Manager were authorized to award contracts without bid through \$100,000;
- The City Manager had emergency authority above \$100,000 and was required to present an after-action ratification item to the City Council for approval at the next available Council Meeting; and

- Department directors involved in emergency and public services and other selected personnel were increased to a "reasonable" amount with the top limits reserved for the City Manager and Assistant City Manager only.

Section 3. It was necessary to implement emergency employee work schedules and compensation in accordance with established city policy and procedure as deemed appropriate by the City Manager.

Section 4. It was necessary to temporarily waive certain types of building permit fees in accordance with Section 553.7922, Florida Statutes.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this November 7, 2024.

Bruce Rector
Mayor

Approved as to form:

Attest:

Owen Kohler
Lead Assistant City Attorney

Rosemarie Call
City Clerk