

CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2022- 01

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR DE-
CLARING A STATE OF LOCAL
EMERGENCY FOR THE PURPOSE OF
RESPONDING TO TROPICAL STORM IAN**

THE FOLLOWING PROCLAMATION is hereby made by Kenneth T. Welch, in his capacity as Mayor of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida (the “City”):

SECTION 1—FINDINGS: I hereby make the following findings in support of the declaration of the state of local emergency effectuated by this order:

- (a) The National Hurricane Center currently forecasts that Tropical Storm Ian (the “**Storm**”) will become a major hurricane before making landfall and may cause significant rain, wind, and storm surge along the west coast of Florida, including the city of St. Petersburg, Florida. Accordingly, the Storm poses an imminent threat of widespread or substantial damage, injury, or loss of life or property in the City.
- (b) On September 23, 2022, pursuant to executive order 22-218, the Governor of the state of Florida declared a state of emergency in certain counties due to the Storm (then known as as “Tropical Depression Nine”), including Pinellas County.
- (c) On September 24, 2022, the Governor issued executive order 22-219 to expand the state of emergency previously declared in executive order 22-218 to encompass the entire State.
- (d) On September 24, 2022, pursuant to resolution 22-90, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners declared a state of local emergency for Pinellas County due to the Storm.
- (e) Because the Storm poses immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare that requires emergency action, it is necessary to protect the public interest to declare a state of local emergency pursuant to Florida Statutes section 252.38 and the City’s Emergency Code (i.e., St. Petersburg City Code chapter 2, article VIII, division 2).
- (f) This declaration of emergency is being made in consideration of these findings and in consultation with applicable City officials and staff. Accordingly, the procedure used to make this declaration is fair under the circumstances.

SECTION 2—DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY: Pursuant to Florida Statutes section 252.38(3)(a)5. and City Code section 2-425(c), I hereby proclaim and declare that a state of local emergency exists within the municipal boundaries of the City due to the Storm (as it may be extended from time-to-time, the “**Emergency**”).

SECTION 3—EFFECTIVE DATE AND DURATION: The Emergency is effective as of September 25, 2022, at 6:00 PM, and it will continue in effect for a seven-day period unless terminated or extended in accordance with City Code section 2-425(c).

SECTION 4—EMERGENCY POWERS: Pursuant to the police powers granted by the Florida Constitution and Florida Statutes chapter 166 and the emergency powers granted by the Florida Statutes (including sections 252.32, 252.38, and 252.46) and the City’s Emergency Code, I am authorized to exercise certain emergency powers during the Emergency.

This proclamation is executed by the Mayor and filed with the City Clerk on the date and time stated below and will have full force and effect of law when filed with the City Clerk.

Sign: Kenneth T. Welch
Kenneth T. Welch, Mayor



Filed with the City Clerk:

Sign: [Signature]

Name: Chan Srinivasa

Title: City Clerk

Date: 9/25/22

Time: 6:09 PM