

RESOLUTION NO. 838-24

**EMERGENCY RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF ZEPHYRHILLS EXTENDING A LOCAL
STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARED ON OCTOBER 7,
2024, BY RESOLUTION 831-24 – HURRICANE MILTON**

WHEREAS, in anticipation of significant effects from Hurricane Milton, the Governor of the State of Florida declared governmental emergencies due to the threat to life, health, property, welfare or the public peace of the people of Pasco County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2024, in anticipation of significant effects from Hurricane Milton, the City Council of the City of Zephyrhills, Florida passed Resolution 831-24 declaring a local state of emergency due to the threat to life, health, property, welfare or the public peace of the people of Zephyrhills, Florida; and

WHEREAS, on October 14, 2024, the City Council of the City of Zephyrhills, Florida passed Resolution 832-24 extending the declaration of a local state of emergency due to the threat to life, health, property, welfare or the public peace of the people of Zephyrhills, Florida; and

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2024, the City Council of the City of Zephyrhills, Florida passed Resolution 833-24 extending the declaration of a local state of emergency for a second time due to the threat to life, health, property, welfare or the public peace of the people of Zephyrhills, Florida; and

WHEREAS, on October 28, 2024, the City Council of the City of Zephyrhills, Florida passed Resolution 835-24 extending the declaration of a local state of emergency for a third time due to the threat to life, health, property, welfare or the public peace of the people of Zephyrhills, Florida; and

WHEREAS, on November 1, 2024, the City Council of the City of Zephyrhills, Florida passed Resolution 837-24 extending the declaration of a local state of emergency for a fourth time due to the threat to life, health, property, welfare or the public peace of the people of Zephyrhills, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Milton has significantly impacted the City of Zephyrhills by causing down trees, damage to public, commercial and residential structures, caused roads to be closed, caused significant flooding and has put a strain on the public utilities of the City; and

WHEREAS, Section 252.38(3)(a)(5), Florida Statutes, provides authority for a municipal corporation such as the City of Zephyrhills to declare a local state of 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 a municipal corporation by law pertaining 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.
- h. Appropriation and expenditure of public funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Zephyrhills this 7th day of November, 2024, that the above described weather situation has caused debris, damage to property, and flooding which pose a serious threat to the life, health, property, welfare or public peace of the people of the City of Zephyrhills and that the **state of local emergency** declared on October 7, 2024 and extended on October 14, 2024, October 21, 2024, October 28, 2024, and November 1, 2024 shall be, and is hereby declared extended starting November 11, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. for a period of time up to seven (7) days, which may be extended as necessary in seven (7) day


increments by subsequent resolution, and all territory within the legal incorporated boundaries of the City of Zephyrhills, Pasco County, Florida shall be embraced by the provisions of this emergency resolution;

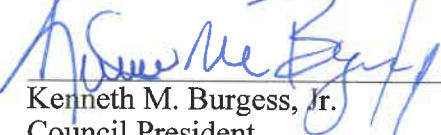
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council for the City of Zephyrhills hereby exercises its statutory authority and appoints the City Manager as its representative to implement and enforce the provisions of this declaration, and waives the procedures and formalities required by law of a municipal corporation, as authorized in Section 252.38(3)(a)(5), Florida Statutes.

All public officials and employees of the City of Zephyrhills 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, 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.

The foregoing Resolution No. 838-24 was read and passed in an open special meeting of the City Council of the City of Zephyrhills, Florida, on this 7th day of November, 2024.

Attest: 
Ricardo Quiñones
Acting City Clerk


Kenneth M. Burgess, Jr.
Council President

The foregoing Resolution No. 838-24 was approved by me this 7th day of November, 2024.


Melonie Bahr Monson, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM & CONTENT


Matthew E. Maggard, City Attorney