

**TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA**  
**EMERGENCY ORDER 2023-001**

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**Tropical Storm Idalia**

**August 29, 2023**

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the State of Florida has issued Executive Order Number 23-171 declaring that a State of Emergency exists in 33 counties in the State of Florida, further amended by Executive Order Number 23-172 to include Lake County; and

**WHEREAS**, Lake County has issued Lake County Emergency Order 2023-01 declaring a State of Local Emergency for Lake County, Florida in response to Tropical Storm Idalia; and

**WHEREAS**, Hurricane Nicole poses a severe threat to the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills and requires that timely precautions are taken to protect the citizens and visitors of the Howey-in-the-Hills, critical infrastructure and general welfare of the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, provides authority for a political subdivision such as the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills to declare a State of Local Emergency and to waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of political subdivisions by law including, but not limited to:

1. Performance of public work and taking whatever action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community;
2. Entering into contracts;
3. Incurring obligations;
4. Employment of permanent and temporary workers;
5. Utilization of volunteer workers;
6. Rental of equipment;
7. Acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation, of supplies, materials and facilities;
8. Appropriation and expenditure of public funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills, pursuant to its home rule powers has adopted certain emergency procedures;

**NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida and the powers assigned to the Town Manager by the Charter of the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida, it is ORDERED:**

**SECTION 1. Extended Emergency Declaration.** An extension to the Local State of Emergency is hereby declared pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, for all areas within the boundaries of the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills. Said State of Local Emergency may be terminated by the Town Manager of the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills, in writing, or by Resolution of City Council.

**SECTION 2,** This Emergency Order is an emergency measure necessary for the protection of the public health, welfare and safety due to the proximity of Tropical Storm Idalia.

**SECTION 3. Effective Date.** This Emergency Order shall take effect immediately upon adoption.


**ORDERED** this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023.

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By:



Sean O'Keefe  
Town Manager



John Brock  
Town Clerk