

**FIRST DIRECTIVE ON EMERGENCY MEASURES
TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE COUNTY OF VOLUSIA
REGARDING THE USE OF RVS AND OTHER MOBILE
RECREATIONAL SHELTERS DUE TO HURRICANE IAN**

Effective Immediately

WHEREAS, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order No. 22-219 on September 24, 2022, declaring a state of emergency for the entire State of Florida as a result of Tropical Depression Nine, which would become Hurricane Ian;

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2022, Volusia County declared a local state of emergency as a result of Hurricane Ian and has extended the declared local state of emergency every seven days;

WHEREAS, on September 28 and 29, 2022 Volusia County experienced catastrophic damage and destruction as a result of Hurricane Ian, causing certain residences of the citizens of Volusia County to be uninhabitable while the residence is being repaired or reconstructed;

WHEREAS, because of the declared state of emergency the County determines that it may be necessary to allow those persons displaced by Hurricane Ian to temporarily reside in Recreational Vehicles (RVs) and other mobile recreational shelters during the declared local state of emergency or while those persons have a building permit for the repair or restoration of a residence damaged by Hurricane Ian;

WHEREAS, sub-paragraph (b)(5) of section 72-287, Code of Ordinances, County of Volusia, provides that RVs and other mobile recreational shelters shall not be connected to water, sewer, or electric lines or be used for residential purpose, except in a recreational vehicle park;

WHEREAS, this Emergency Directive is a response to Hurricane Ian and does not limit the rights and liberties of individuals and businesses in Volusia County;

WHEREAS, due to the ongoing state of emergency for Hurricane Ian, leniency should be exercised on Code Enforcement matters regarding persons providing able to temporarily reside

in an RV during the declared local state of emergency or while there is an approved or applied for building permit to repair or reconstruct a residence damaged as a result of Hurricane Ian, subject to confirmation of identified criteria in this Directive.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE RECKTENWALD, as County Manager for the County of Volusia, Florida, and pursuant to the authority vested in me under Section 46-147, Code of Ordinances, County of Volusia, to waive procedures and formalities, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, as well as that certain County of Volusia Declaration of Local Emergency for Hurricane Ian, dated September 27, 2022, and subsequently extended, **I HEREBY ISSUE** this First Directive on Emergency Measures:

- To facilitate the protection of the health safety and welfare of those persons repairing their residential dwellings as a result of damage from Hurricane Ian, the enforcement of subparagraph (b)(5) of Section 72-287, Code of Ordinances, County of Volusia, or any rule substantially similar to the prohibition of RVs or other mobile recreational shelters connected to water, sewer, or electric lines or being used for a residential purpose in a residential district, is **suspended** for a specific property during the emergency period if a Code Enforcement Officer confirms the following criteria on that specific property:
 1. The person or persons wishing to reside in an RV has submitted a Temporary Housing Permit for the specific property to the Volusia County Growth and Resource Management Department during the declared local state of emergency.
 2. The RV or other mobile recreational shelter is parked on property in compliance with all other provisions of the Code, including life health safety codes, locational and setback criteria, and all other provisions in Section 72-287 and the approved Temporary Housing Permit.
 3. The persons occupying the RV or other mobile recreational shelter have either submitted a Temporary Housing Permit during the declared local state of emergency or have applied for or hold a valid, unexpired building permit for repair or reconstruction for the damaged property.
 4. This suspension for a specific property expires upon the latter of: a) the expiration of the declared local state of emergency; or, b) the expiration or revocation of a building permit for the damaged property or the issuance of a certificate of occupancy for the damaged property.

This First Directive shall be effective for the duration, without lapse, of the Declaration of Local Emergency for Hurricane Ian, including any extensions.

COUNTY OF VOLUSIA, FLORIDA



George Recktenwald
County Manager

Date: 10-20-22