



EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 2022-06

ORDER RELATING TO EXTENSION OF BUSINESS TAX RECEIPTS

WHEREAS, on September 23, 2022, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 22-218, declaring a state of emergency in Brevard, Broward, Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Hillsborough, Indian River, Lee, Manatee, Martin, Miami Dade, Monroe, Okeechobee, Osceola, Palm Beach, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Sarasota, and St. Lucie Counties; and

WHEREAS, on September 24, 2022, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 22-219, amending Executive Order Number 22-218 to declare a state of emergency in the entire State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes Section 252.38(3)(a) gives authority to public subdivisions to declare and enact a state of local emergency for a period of up to seven (7) days and to take certain measures that are in the interest of the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, on September 25, 2022, the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida adopted Ordinance No. 2022-30, declaring a state of local emergency due to Hurricane Ian; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2022-30 conferred on the City Manager or designee the power and authority set forth in Florida Statutes Section 252.38(3)(a); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Florida Statutes Section 252.46, the City Manager has the power to issue emergency orders with the force of the law; and

WHEREAS, Sections 34-22 and 34-23 of the Code of the City of North Port, Florida provide that: (i) business tax receipts expire on September 30 of each year; (ii) business taxes are due and payable on or before September 30 of each year; and (iii) business tax receipts not timely renewed shall be subject to a ten percent (10%) delinquency penalty for the month of October and an additional five percent (5%) for each subsequent month, up to a maximum 25 percent (25%) penalty; and

WHEREAS, this order is necessary for emergency management purposes and to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community.

THEREFORE, IN HIS EMERGENCY AUTHORITY, THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA ORDERS:

1. All business tax receipts that set to expire on September 30, 2022 are extended and shall expire on November 1, 2022.

2. The business tax receipt renewal deadline is extended to November 1, 2022 and the taxes are due and payable no later than November 1, 2022.
2. Those business tax receipts not renewed by October 31, 2022 shall be considered delinquent and subject to a delinquency penalty of ten percent (10%) for the month of November, plus an additional five percent (5%) penalty for each additional month of delinquency. However, the total delinquency penalty shall not exceed 25 percent (25%).
3. This order does not suspend or waive any other regulations related to business taxes, including other provisions of Chapter 34, Article II of the Code of the City of North Port, Florida.
4. To the extent this order conflicts with any provision of the Code of the City of North Port, Florida, this order controls.

This order is effective immediately. Unless otherwise terminated, this order expires simultaneously with the expiration of the state of local emergency.

ORDERED ON AND FILED WITH THE CLERK OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA ON OCTOBER 12, 2022 AT 10:45 A.M./P.M. BY



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CITY MANAGER