



EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 2022-08

ORDER RELATING TO TEMPORARY BUSINESS SIGNS IN THE PLANNED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, VILLAGE, COMMERCIAL GENERAL, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL AND WAREHOUSING, AND NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS

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, Chapter 29 of the Unified Land Development Code regulates signs in the City of North Port, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Ian destroyed or damaged the permanent signs of many businesses located within the City; and

WHEREAS, allowing temporary signage for businesses whose signage has been destroyed or damaged by Hurricane Ian will aid in communicating the availability of goods and services, thereby benefitting the local economy and the public who may need the goods and services; 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. Temporary signs are permitted in the PCD Planned Community Development, V Village, CG Commercial General, ILW Light Industrial and Warehousing, and NC Neighborhood Commercial Districts without obtaining a permit or paying a fee, when erected to replace a previously-permitted permanent business sign damaged and/or destroyed by the impact of Hurricane Ian, notwithstanding any other signs on the property.
2. A temporary sign erected pursuant to this order must not be larger than the permanent business sign it replaces.
3. All temporary business signs erected pursuant to this order must be removed within five (5) business days of the repair or replacement of the business sign it replaced. If this order terminates or expires before the permanent business sign is repaired or replaced, all temporary signs erected in accordance with this order must be removed no later than five (5) business days of the termination or expiration of this order.
4. All temporary business signs erected in accordance with this order must comply with all non-conflicting provisions of the Unified Development Code, including Chapters 29 and 61.
5. To the extent this order conflicts with any provision of the Unified Land Development Code, this order controls.

This order is effective immediately. Unless otherwise terminated or extended, this order expires 120 days following its effective date.

ORDERED ON AND FILED WITH THE CLERK OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA ON OCTOBER 14th 2022
AT 3:00 A.M./P.M. BY


A. JEROME FLETCHER II, ICMA-CM, MPA
CITY MANAGER