

EMERGENCY ORDER 2021-20
DECLARATION OF STATE OF GENERAL EMERGENCY
TROPICAL STORM ELSA

WHEREAS, the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County has been informed by its emergency management staff that Tropical Storm Elsa has the potential to threaten or through its effects impact Alachua County; and,

WHEREAS, Governor Ron DeSantis has issued Executive Order number 21-151 amending Executive Order 21-150 declaring a state of emergency in certain counties of the State of Florida including Alachua County authorizing those counties to waive certain procedures and formalities required of political subdivisions ; and,

WHEREAS, effects from Tropical Storm Elsa are expected to reach Alachua County on Wednesday, July 7th and the storm has the potential to cause widespread damage across Alachua County to Government and personal property, impact the roadways, disrupt utilities and County, cause flooding or, require that Alachua County be prepared to receive evacuees from other parts of the state, therefore this event has the capacity to pose a significant, imminent, and dangerous threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of Alachua County, Florida, including visitors and tourists, as well as their real and personal property; and

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Elsa meets the definition of weather event in Sec. 252.38 (4) and its impact on the authority of political subdivisions on enacting emergency orders in response to a weather event; and

WHEREAS, Alachua County Code §27.07(4) the Chair of the Board is designated as the Official Authority in the absence of a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, due to the holiday weekend

and the timing of the potential landfall of Tropical Storm Elsa an Emergency meeting of the Board is not practicable; and..

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Alachua County Code Section §27-07, the Chair as the Official Authority hereby resolves, finds, and declares:

1. The above recitals are true.
2. A state of general emergency hereby exists in Alachua County, Florida, effective for seven (7) days beginning at 1:30 p. m., eastern daylight time, on this 6th day of July, 2021.
3. The Sheriff of Alachua County is hereby designated the chief law enforcement official of the County, such grant of authority being supplemental to her authority under Chapter 30, F.S.
4. The procedures and formalities otherwise required of Alachua County pertaining to the following are waived:
 - a. Performance of public work and taking whatever prudent action is necessary to insure 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.
5. The County Manager, or her designee is hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to exercise, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, such emergency powers necessary to

carry out the provisions of Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, including, but not limited to, the powers to declaring curfews or limiting assembly in any part of the County as necessary upon proper findings in order to reduce the vulnerability of people in communities of Alachua County to damage, injury, and loss of life and property resulting from the imminent threat, as well as any other powers expressly or implicitly conferred pursuant to Chapters 125 and 252, Florida Statutes, including all emergency declarations of the Governor and any other provision of law or county ordinance.

6. This authority shall extend for the period of the state of general emergency, as determined by the County Manager or her designee, or until further action by the Board of County Commissioners terminates such authority or declares that the state of general emergency has ended.
7. This Order shall be transmitted to the Alachua County Clerk of Court upon entry.

Issued this 6th day of July, 2021 at 1:10 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
Ken Cornell, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM


County Attorney's Office