

**EXECUTIVE ORDER**  
**No. 2024-01**

**AN EXECUTIVE ORDER DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY AND ACTIVATING THE CITY OF VENICE COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 252.38(3)(a), Florida Statutes, gives authority to political 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**, the State of Florida, Office of the Governor issued Executive Order Number 24-156 on August 1, 2024 declaring a state of emergency and Sarasota County issued a declaration on August 4, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, Tropical Storm Debby struck the City of Venice on August 4, 2024, and was subsequently upgraded to Hurricane; and

**WHEREAS**, the storm has caused flooding and damage to roads, homes, bridges, public facilities and businesses creating a threat of significant public and private financial loss and poses an immediate and present danger to the health and safety of the citizens of the City of Venice; and

**WHEREAS**, the storm necessitates the exercise of all reasonable preparatory, precautionary and remedial measures for some undefined period of time and constitutes a nature disaster for the City of Venice, warranting a declaration of an emergency pursuant to Section 252.38(3)(a), Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Venice has a municipal emergency management program, entitled "The City of Venice Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan" ("Plan"); and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of this Executive Order is to implement the Plan and authorize all city officers, employees, and agents to perform their respective duties, functions, and obligations as set forth in such Plan, the State Emergency Management Act and the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement, and all other legal authority, under the general direction and control of the Incident Commander, as set forth in such Plan and law.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Edward Lavalley, City Manager of the City of Venice, hereby issue the following Executive Orders:

1. A State of Local Emergency is hereby declared as of Monday, August 5, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., and the City of Venice Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan is hereby implemented.

2. Pursuant to Section 252.38(3)(a)5., Florida Statutes, the City has the power and authority to waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required by law pertaining to:
  - a. Performance of public work and taking whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure 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.
3. For purposes of city union contracts (AFSCME, FOP, and IAFF), this State of Local Emergency shall be deemed a state of emergency pursuant to Chapter 26 of the city code.
4. The Local State of Emergency shall remain in effect for a period of seven (7) days unless extended or cancelled before such time expires.
5. Nothing herein shall be construed to conflict with applicable provisions of state law or the Sarasota County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.

**DONE AND ORDERED** this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024, at City of Venice, Florida.



Edward Lavalley, City Manager  
City of Venice, Florida

ATTEST:



Kelly Michaels, MMC  
City Clerk