

MAYORAL ORDER 25-01
DECLARING STATE OF EMERGENCY WITHIN CITY OF EUSTIS

WHEREAS, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, Emergency Management, and Resolution 19-82 dated September 19, 2019, of the City Commission of the City of Eustis, Florida, provide for local emergencies; and

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2025, the City of Eustis and surrounding Lake County experienced an extreme rainfall event, with reports of approximately 19.7 inches of rain in parts of the city, causing widespread flooding, inundation of streets, homes, and infrastructure, and posing an immediate threat to the lives and property of residents; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 19-82 of the City of Eustis amending the City's Emergency Management Plan declares that the Eustis Mayor shall declare a State of Emergency within the City of Eustis; and

WHEREAS, the flooding has resulted in hazardous conditions including but not limited to washed-out roadways, standing water blocking evacuation routes, threatened damage to critical infrastructure, and displacement of residents—thus impairing the ability of city government to respond effectively under normal procedures; and

WHEREAS, such declaration will authorize the City Manager and the Emergency Management Director to assume command and control of all City Government functions and to perform duties to best protect the lives and property of the citizens of Eustis;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING IS HEREBY DECLARED by the Mayor of the City of Eustis:

- Section 1. Emergency Declaration. The rain event poses a serious threat to the health of the residents and visitors of the City of Eustis; therefore, a Local State of Emergency is declared effective immediately upon signature of this Order.
- Section 2. Effective Date; Duration. The Local State of Emergency will remain in effect within the legal boundaries of the City of Eustis, Florida, for a period of seven days from the date hereof and may be extended by Mayoral Order as necessary in seven-day increments.
- Section 3. Waiver of Procedures and Formalities Otherwise Required. Due to the Local State of Emergency, effective immediately, the procedures and formalities required of the City by law or ordinance are hereby waived as they pertain to:

- a) Performance of public work and taking of 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 of supplies, materials and facilities; and
- h) Appropriation and expenditure of public funds.

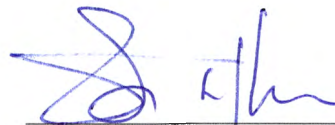
Section 4. Alterations or Rescission. This declaration of a Local State of Emergency may be altered or rescinded either by the issuance of a subsequent Mayoral Order or by an appropriate resolution of the City Commission.

Section 5. Coordination with County and State Authorities. The City will coordinate response, relief and recovery efforts with the Lake County Emergency Management, the Florida Division of Emergency Management, and other relevant agencies to ensure efficient use of resources and to facilitate potential state and federal assistance.

Section 6. Relief and Recovery. The City Manager is directed to conduct damage assessments, restore key services and infrastructure, and make recommendations for formal requests for state/federal assistance if warranted by the magnitude of damage.

Section 7. Public Notice. This Order shall be filed with the City Clerk and published in the manner prescribed by law, and a copy shall be forwarded to the Lake County Emergency Operations Center.

SIGNED, SEALED AND APPROVED this 27th day of October 2025, by Mayor Willie L. Hawkins.



Willie L. Hawkins
Mayor/Commissioner

ATTEST:



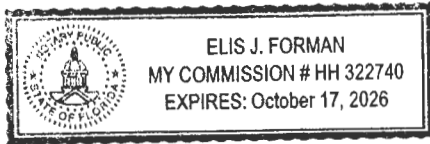
Christine Halloran, City Clerk



CITY OF EUSTIS CERTIFICATION

**STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF LAKE**

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me, by means of physical presence, this 27th day of October 2025, by Willie L. Hawkins, Mayor/Commissioner, and Christine Halloran, City Clerk, who are personally known to me.





Notary Public - State of Florida
My Commission Expires:
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