

ST. JOHNS COUNTY EMERGENCY ORDER 2019-1

**A STATE OF EMERGENCY ORDER AS PROVIDED BY PART I,
CHAPTER 252, FLORIDA STATUTES AND BY ST. JOHNS
COUNTY, FLORIDA ORDINANCE NO. 2019-40**

WHEREAS, a state of local emergency needs to be declared, pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and St. Johns County Ordinance No. 2019-40, because of the severe threat and the potential of Hurricane Dorian to create excessive rainfall, high tides and hurricane force winds, which may pose a serious threat to public health and safety and cause flooding, beach erosion, and property damage; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Florida has issued Executive Order No. 19-189 declaring a State of Emergency in certain Florida Counties including St. Johns pertaining to Hurricane Dorian; and

WHEREAS, persons in St. Johns County need to prepare for hurricane conditions; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County is exerting efforts to address emergency conditions and assist affected citizens; and

WHEREAS, the emergency may become beyond the capability of St. Johns County to effectively respond under normal procedures; and

WHEREAS, certain additional specialized equipment and personnel may be required to assist in evacuation and take protective action with regard to life and property; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County may request assistance from the State and/or may implement its interlocal agreements with other local governments pertaining to emergencies; and

NOW THEREFORE, in accordance with the emergency power vested in the County pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and St. Johns County Ordinance No. 2019-40, it is hereby declared that: (1) a state of local emergency exists and has occurred within and is affecting St. Johns County due to the effects of actual and/or anticipated heavy winds and rainfall and actual or anticipated damage associated with Hurricane Dorian, (2) the occurrence or threat of disaster associated with such emergency is imminent and requires immediate and expeditious action, and (3) the County Administrator and his designees are hereby authorized to take the appropriate emergency measures authorized by Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, St. Johns County Ordinance No. 2019-40, (4) the St. Johns County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (the Plan) is hereby activated and the St. Johns County Administrator shall have the power, authority and duty to take any and all action under the Plan necessary for the preservation of the health, welfare and safety of the people of St. Johns County, and (5) the County

Administrator is hereby authorized to transfer funds from the Solid Waste Reserve to the Solid Waste budget for use in debris removal and debris management activities related to disaster recovery.

Any person not abiding by this order is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in Florida Statute 775.082 or Florida Statute 775.083.

DONE and ORDERED this 29 day of August, 2019.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Paul M. Waldron
Paul M. Waldron, Chair
Printed Name

ATTEST: Hunter S. Conrad, Clerk

By: Crystal Inui
Deputy Clerk

