

**ST. JOHNS COUNTY EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 2023-54**

**AN EMERGENCY ORDER INSTATING A MANDATORY  
EVACUATION OF CERTAIN PORTIONS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the state of Florida has issued Executive Order No. 23-171, declaring a State of Emergency in certain Florida counties pertaining to Invest 93L, now known as Hurricane Idalia; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the state of Florida has issued Executive Order No. 23-172, amending Executive Order No. 23-171 by declaring a State of Emergency for additional counties in the state of Florida, including St. Johns County; and

**WHEREAS**, a state of local emergency has been declared, pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes and St. Johns County Ordinance No. 2021-4, because of the severe threat that Hurricane Idalia poses to St. Johns County, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, because of the potential for Hurricane Idalia to cause excessive rainfall, flooding, high tides, and strong winds that may create a serious threat to life and critical infrastructure, timely precautions must be taken to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of St. Johns County, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the St. Johns County Board of Commissioners, through its authorized County designee, mandates that certain portions and elements of St. Johns County be evacuated by all persons.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in accordance with the emergency power vested in the St. Johns County Board of Commissioners pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and St. Johns County Ordinance No. 2021-4, it is hereby ordered that, **effective at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 29, 2023**, all persons in the following portions and elements of St. Johns County, Florida shall evacuate:


**All persons living in low-lying, flood-prone areas, or on a boat, mobile home, recreational vehicle, camper or other similar conveyance.**

This Order shall stay in effect until rescinded. Any person (with the exception of authorized emergency services personnel) who fails to comply with this Order is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, and subject to punishment in accordance with applicable Florida law.


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**DONE and ORDERED** this 29 day of August, 2023.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By:   
Christian Whitehurst, Chair

ATTEST: Brandon J. Patty, Clerk

By:   
Deputy Clerk

