

EVACUATION ORDER 2
PURSUANT TO
RESOLUTION NO. 17 – 58

WHEREAS, Hurricane Irma poses a serious potential threat to the residents, visitors and property in Pinellas County; and

WHEREAS, the current forecast of the National Hurricane Center does not allow for a precise track of Hurricane Irma to determine the threat level from wind damage, storm surge, or rain or the related protective measures required; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Irma has the potential for causing substantial damage to, or complete destruction of, public utilities, public buildings, public communication systems, public streets and roads, public drainage systems, commercial and residential buildings and areas from wind and wind borne debris, and flooding from rain and storm surge associated with the storm; and

WHEREAS, the damage or destruction of or flooding of, such infrastructure or commercial or residential structures or property present direct threats to human life or safety; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Florida has promulgated Executive Order No. 17-235, wherein he found that a state of emergency exists within the State of Florida, and the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County has declared a local state of emergency pursuant to Resolution No. 17-58; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 17-58 identified that the County Administrator and designated successors in authority are empowered to order mandatory evacuation orders in response to evolving conditions in accordance with the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP); and

WHEREAS, Section 2.04(k) of the Pinellas County Charter grants to the County all special and necessary power to provide for the development and implementation of civil preparedness programs; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 34 of the Pinellas County Code sets forth provisions to ensure the readiness of Pinellas County, provide for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare, and preserve the lives and property of the people of Pinellas County in the face of a natural or manmade disaster; and

WHEREAS, decisions about evacuations are made based on the best data available at the time in order to ensure public health safety and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND DECLARED in accordance with Resolution No. 17-58, this 9th day of September, 2017:

That in light of the serious threat to the lives and property in Pinellas County posed by Hurricane Irma, a mandatory evacuation is ordered for Zones A and B, to include special needs and residents of all mobile homes countywide regardless of Zone designation; that the evacuation of Zone B is to begin at 08:00 AM on Saturday, September 9, 2017, and Zone B should be cleared of evacuating persons no later than 08:00 PM on Saturday, September 9, 2017. This is in addition to the persons previously ordered to evacuate from Zone A including special needs individuals and the residents of all mobile homes countywide who should also be cleared of evacuating persons no later than 08:00 PM on Saturday, September 9, 2017. These evacuations shall remain in force until ended by further order. Any unauthorized person located in, or attempting to enter, an evacuation area after the clear times stated herein shall be in violation of F.S. §252.50, and subject to the penalties therein.

Ordered this 9th day of September, 2017 at 8:20 a.m./p.m.

Mark L. Woodward
County Administrator, or successor

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APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: Christy Doran-Pembel
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