ORDINANCE 19-15

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE BY THE TOWN OF ST. LEO TOWN COMMISSION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY RESULTING FROM HURRICANE DORIAN

WHEREAS, on August 28, 2019, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order No. 19-189 declaring a state of emergency due to Hurricane Dorian; and

WHEREAS, on August 29, 2019 the Governor DeSantis issued an Executive Order 19-190 which amended Executive Order 19-189 to include all 67 counties in the state.

WHEREAS, the incorporated area of the Town of St. Leo is included in the areas threatened with severe storm damage; and,

WHEREAS, Section 252.38(3)(a), Florida Statutes, provides authority for a municipal corporation such as the Town of St. Leo to declare a state of local emergency for a period of time up to seven (7) days, which may be extended as necessary in seven (7) day increments, and to waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of a municipal corporation 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDAINED by the Town Commission of the Town of St. Leo this 30th day of August, 2019, that the above described weather situation poses a serious threat to the life, health, property, welfare or public peace of the people of the Town of St. Leo and that a state of local emergency shall be, and is hereby declared effective August 30, 2019 at 12:01 a.m. for a period of time up to seven (7) days, which may be extended as necessary in seven (7) day increments by Commission approval of a subsequent resolution, and all territory within the legal incorporated boundaries of the Town of St. Leo, Pasco County, Florida shall be embraced by the provisions of this emergency ordinance;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Town Commission of the Town of St. Leo hereby exercises its statutory authority, and appoints the Mayor as its representative to implement and enforce the provisions of this declaration, and waives the procedures and formalities required by law of a municipal corporation, as authorized in Section 252.38(3)(a), Florida Statutes.

All public officials and employees of the Town of St. Leo are hereby directed to exercise the utmost diligence in discharge of duties required of them for the duration of the emergency and in the execution of emergency laws, regulations and directives, state and local.

All citizens are called upon and directed to comply with necessary emergency measures, to cooperate with public officials and civil emergency/disaster service forces in executing emergency operational plans and to obey and comply with the lawful directions of properly identified public officers.

Approved this 30th day of August, 2019.

The foregoing Ordinance was adopted by the St. Leo Town Commission vote as follows:

Richard H. Christmas, Mayor James Hallett, O.S.B. Gregory P. Smith Curtis Dwyer Donna DeWitt, O.S.B.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED this 30th day of August, 2019.

Richard H. Christmas, Mayor

Andrea Calvert, CMC; Town Clerk

Approved as to form by:

Patricia Petruff, Esquire, Town Attorne

PATRICIA A. PETRUFF, ESQ. Approved as to legal form and sufficiency