



City of Mount Dora
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Mount Dora City Council
Mount Dora City Hall Board Room
510 North Baker Street, Mount Dora, Florida 32757
October 29, 2025, 6:00 PM

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC HEARINGS - RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES

1. Request Ratification of Resolution 2025-45, Local State of Emergency
Related to October 26-October 27, 2025 Flood Event

ADJOURNMENT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 286.0105, FLORIDA STATUTES, IF ANY PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE AT THIS MEETING WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT ANY MEETING OR HEARING, SUCH PERSON MAY NEED A RECORD OF THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE, A PERSON MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED. VERBATIM RECORD WILL NOT BE PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA.

NOTICE: IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990, PERSONS NEEDING A SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHOULD CONTACT THE CITY CLERK AT LEAST 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE PROCEEDINGS. TELEPHONE (352) 735-7126 FOR ASSISTANCE. IF HEARING IMPAIRED, TELEPHONE THE FLORIDA RELAY SERVICE NUMBERS, (800) 955-8771 (TDD) OR (800) 955-8770 (VOICE) FOR ASSISTANCE.



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DATE: October 29, 2025

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Vince Sandersfeld, City Manager

SUBJECT: Request Ratification of Resolution 2025-45, Local State of Emergency Related to October 26-October 27, 2025 Flood Event

Introduction:

This is a request for Council to ratify Resolution 2025-45, Local State of Emergency Related to October 26-October 27, 2025 Flood Event

Discussion:

Section 252.38(3)(a)(5), Florida Statutes, authorizes municipalities to declare a local state of emergency for a duration of 7 days, which may be extended in additional 7-day increments as necessary. During such time, the City may waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required by general law, ordinance, or local policy, and may take any prudent action necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community.

Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and Part I, Article VI, Chapter 18 of the Charter of the City of Mount Dora authorize the Mayor to declare a local state of emergency when a quorum of the City Council is unavailable. These emergency powers of the mayor shall not extend beyond the next meeting of the city council.

On October 27, 2025, in response to the flooding event occurring between October 26 and October 27, 2025, Mayor Homich signed Resolution No. 2025-45, declaring a local state of emergency within all territory inside the legal boundaries of the City of Mount Dora for a 7-day duration.

Further extensions may be issued when prudent by the mayor or city manager or his or her designee in the absence of a quorum of the City Council to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the community, its residents, and public facilities.

Budget Impact:

In the event any expenses are incurred as a result of the flood event, a budget amendment will be presented to City Council as potential reimbursements are received, indicating the fund accounts to be adjusted as a result of emergency expenses.

Strategic Impact:

Public safety.

Recommendation:

Council ratify Resolution 2025-45, Local State of Emergency Related to the October 26-October 27, 2025 Flood Event.

Attachment(s):

1. RESO NO. 2025-45.DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY.FLOODING EVENT.SIGNED

Prepared by: Jeanann Hand, City Clerk

Reviewed by:

Vince Sandersfeld, City Manager

Final Approval - 10/28/2025

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-45

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO THE LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY STEMMING FROM THE FLOODING EVENT OCCURRING ON OCTOBER 26, 2025; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR THE DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY; PROVIDING FOR THE INAPPLICABILITY OF EMERGENCY EVENT RESPONSE PAY; PROVIDING FOR THE DURATION OF THE LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY; PROVIDING FOR RATIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS, PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Dora (“City”), based on significant rainfall occurring on October 26, 2025 through October 27, 2025, is threatened by excessive and extensive flooding, overflowing waterways, saturated soils and associated flooding, which constitutes a serious threat of injury, loss of life, damage to property, disruption of services, and impairment of the public health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the City; and

WHEREAS, the adverse conditions are imminent or already occurring within the City and may cause widespread damage to public infrastructure, private property, utilities, roadways, stormwater systems and may hamper normal governmental functions; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, grants political subdivisions authority to declare a state of local emergency; and specifically, Section 252.38(3)(a), *Florida Statutes*, provides the ability for local governing bodies to waive certain formalities and take whatever actions necessary to preserve the health, safety, and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, Lake County and the State of Florida have not yet, at the time of this declaration, declared a local state of emergency exists, but the City anticipates that both will do so shortly; and the City has complied with all of its mandatory reporting and coordination requirements under Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and will continue to do so during this state of local emergency; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Mount Dora finds that this situation meets the statutory definition of an “emergency” or “disaster” under Section 252.34, *Florida Statutes*, and that immediate action is required to mobilize resources and protect the health and safety of the public, to protect critical infrastructure, and to mitigate the damages caused by this significant rain event, including the impacts from ongoing flooding; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further finds that it is in the best interest of the City and its residents to declare a state of local emergency, to activate its emergency management plan, to

direct and coordinate all available resources, and to authorize the City Manager (or designee) to take all necessary actions consistent with such declaration; and

WHEREAS, *Florida Statutes*, Section 252.38(3)(a)(5), provides authority for political subdivisions to declare a state of local emergency and to waive the procedures and formalities, otherwise required of political subdivisions, in order to take whatever action is necessary to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, Section 252.34, Florida Statutes defines “emergency” as any occurrence, or threat thereof, whether natural, technological, or manmade, in war or in peace, which results or may result in substantial injury or harm to the population or substantial damage to or loss of property; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that it is in the best interest of its employees, citizens and visitors to extend the local state of emergency and further revise the parameters related to the same; and

WHEREAS, under Section 18(e) of the City Charter, the Mayor is authorized to take necessary actions in an emergency situation, which shall only be extended until the next meeting of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, due to the nature of the emergency, the need to take immediate action, and the inability to obtain a quorum of the City Council on the morning of October 27, 2025, the Mayor is authorized to execute this resolution, which shall be ratified or amended at the next meeting of the City Council as soon as a special meeting may be convened.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. The City of Mount Dora has complied with all requirements and procedures of Florida law in processing this Resolution. The above recitals are hereby adopted.

SECTION 2. Declaring a Local State of Emergency. A state of local emergency exists due the unprecedented rain and flooding during October 26, 2025 and October 27, 2025, which poses an ongoing and immediate threat to the public, health, safety and welfare, as well as to public infrastructure and facilities. It is anticipated that Lake County, as well as the Governor will shortly be declaring as state of emergency. Thus, under the powers provided in Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, as well as Article IV, Section 18(e) of the City Charter, the Mayor is authorized to take actions in an emergency situation, which shall extend until the next meeting of the city council. To the extent necessary under the circumstances, while the emergency is ongoing, as collectively determined by the Mayor, the City Manager, and the City Attorney, certain procedures and formalities otherwise required may be waived or temporarily suspended. The procedures and formalities which may be waived are set forth in Section 252.38(3)(a)(5), Florida Statutes, and include, but are not limited to:

- a. Performance of public work and taking whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the public;
- 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 of expenditure of public funds;
- i. temporary modifications to working environment and procedures.

Based on the foregoing, the City of Mount Dora declares that a local state of emergency exists.

SECTION 3. Emergency Event Response Pay Not Applicable. For the duration of the state of emergency, as declared hereby, there shall not be a suspension of the day-to-day operations of the City; thus, emergency event response pay, as set forth in Section 6.12 B, of the City of Mount Dora Employment Policy, shall not be applicable unless otherwise deemed necessary by the City Council.

SECTION 4. Establishment and Enforcement of Curfew. The Mayor and City Manager are hereby authorized to establish and enforce a curfew within the incorporated areas of the City of Mount Dora, Florida, if deemed necessary and appropriate during the local state of emergency declared by this Resolution and are further authorized to modify and terminate that curfew to the extent necessary under the circumstances and as the status of the emergency event changes.

SECTION 5. Duration of Local State of Emergency. This declared state of local emergency shall remain in full force and effect from the date of adoption of this Resolution, and shall automatically expire seven (7) days after adoption but may be extended by a majority vote of the City Council, as necessary, in seven (7) day increments for a total duration of not more than forty-two (42) days. In addition, should a quorum of the City Council not be reasonably available to extend the resolution, then the resolution may be extended by the Mayor or City Manager, or his or her designee, which may then be ratified at the next meeting of the City Council.

SECTION 6. Ratification by City Council. As a quorum of the City Council could not reasonably be obtained on the morning of October 27, 2025, this resolution is signed initially by the Mayor under his authority from Section 18(e) of the City Charter. However, this resolution and declaration of a local state of emergency shall be ratified by a majority of the City Council as soon as a quorum may be obtained for a special meeting, and a majority of the City Council may amend this resolution.

SECTION 7. Implementation of Administrative Actions. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to take such action as may be deemed necessary and appropriate in order

to implement the provisions of this Resolution. The City Manager may, as deemed appropriate, necessary and convenient, delegate the powers of implementation as herein set forth to such City employees as deemed effectual and prudent.

SECTION 8. Savings Clause. All prior actions of the City of Mount Dora pertaining to the state of local emergency related to the flooding that occurred on October 26, 2025, as well as any and all matters relating thereto, are hereby ratified and affirmed consistent with the provisions of this Resolution.

SECTION 9. Scrivener's Errors. Typographical errors and other matters of a similar nature that do not affect the intent of this Resolution, and as determined by the City Clerk and City Attorney, may be corrected without the need for a formal amendment.

SECTION 10. Conflicts. All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict with any of the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 11. Severability. If any Section or portion of a Section of this Resolution proves to be invalid, unlawful, or unconstitutional, it shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force, or effect of any other Section or part of this Resolution.

SECTION 12. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its execution by the Mayor and remain in effect until ratified or amended by the City Council. This resolution shall be effective, unless extended or amended, for seven (7) days from the date and time it is executed by the Mayor.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of October, 2025 at 11:55 A.M.

RATIFIED AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL this ___ day of October, 2025.



JAMES HOMICH, MAYOR
City of Mount Dora, Florida

ATTEST:



Jeanann Hand
City Clerk

For the use and reliance of City of
Mount Dora only. Approved as to form
and legal sufficiency



Patrick Brackins
City Attorney

