

ORDINANCE 26-24

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO DISASTER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT POWERS; AMENDING ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 2-13 OF THE MANATEE COUNTY CODE; MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS; REVISING CERTAIN DEFINITIONS, CORRECTING SCRIVENERS ERRORS, AND OTHERWISE REVISING FOR CONSISTENCY WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN; SUPERSEDING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 252.38, Florida Statutes, provides that safeguarding the life and property of citizens is an innate responsibility of the governing body of each political subdivision of the State; and

WHEREAS, Section 252.38(3)(a)5., Florida Statutes, provides that a county that has declared a state of local emergency has the power and authority to waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required by law pertaining to: (1) performance of public work and taking whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community, (2) entering into contracts, (3) incurring obligations, (4) employment of permanent and temporary workers, (5) utilization of volunteer workers, (6) rental of equipment, (7) acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation, of supplies, materials, and facilities, and (8) appropriation and expenditure of public funds; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, (Board) adopted a Disaster Emergency Management Powers Ordinance (Disaster Ordinance) establishing disaster emergency management powers which is codified in Chapter 2-13 of the Manatee County Code of Ordinances (Code); and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature enacted Florida Senate Bill 180, Chapter 2025-190, Laws of Florida, which created new requirements for county emergency management programs, including annual notification requirements, post-storm permitting plans, emergency contract provisions, debris management site authorization, and post-hurricane regulatory restrictions; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and in the best interest of Manatee County (County) to revise and update the provisions of the Disaster Ordinance to comply with state law and ensure operational readiness for emergency response and recovery; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the provisions of this ordinance are in the best interests of the County, its citizens, taxpayers, and business community; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 125.66(3), Florida Statutes, a business impact estimate has been prepared and posted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County:

Section 1. Incorporation of Recitals. The recitals set forth above are hereby adopted as findings of this Board and are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. Modification of Article II. Article II of Chapter 2-13 of the Code is hereby amended as set forth in Exhibit "A" to this Ordinance.

Section 3. Codification. Pursuant to Section 125.68(1), F.S., the codifier of the County's Code is hereby directed to codify the substantive amendments contained in Exhibit A of this ordinance. The Codifier shall not codify any other portions of this ordinance. For purposes of codification of any section of the Manatee County Code herein amended, words underlined indicate additions to the original text, and words ~~stricken~~ indicate deletions from the original text.

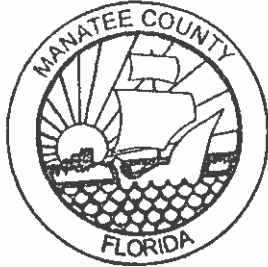
Section 4. Superseding Conflicting Ordinances. Any existing ordinance or portion thereof which contains terms or provisions which are in direct conflict with and cannot be harmonized with the provisions of this ordinance shall, as to such terms or provisions, be deemed as superseded by this ordinance.

Section 5. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, provision or word of this ordinance is held invalid, same shall be severable and the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected by such invalidity, such that any remainder of the ordinance shall withstand any severed provision, as the Board of County Commissioners would have adopted the ordinance and its regulatory scheme even absent the invalid part.

Section 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon filing with the State of Florida Department of State.

DULY ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this 16th day of June, 2026.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**



By: 
Chairperson

ATTEST: ANGELINA COLONNESO
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

By: 
Deputy Clerk

EXHIBIT A

Sec. 2-13-12. Definitions.

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Director means the individual serving as emergency management director~~director of the public safety department of Manatee County (or the successor to such department, however designated) or his or her designee, or if he or she is unavailable, the emergency management division chief (or the successor to such position, however designated).~~ The director is empowered with the authority to execute the emergency management program on behalf of the jurisdiction.

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Unavailable means not being accessible, to the director or personnel of the emergency operations center, in person or via telecommunications, at times when immediate action by the board is deemed necessary by the chair or vice-chair or the highest ranking vice chair present or the ~~county~~ administrator or the director.

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Sec. 2-13-17. Disaster Emergencies.

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(b) In the event the director determines that there exists a disaster emergency and finds that a quorum of the board cannot be attained within a reasonable time to take needed action the board hereby delegates authority to declare a state of local emergency and to issue emergency orders necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare during the disaster emergency:

(1) To the chair; or

(2) If the chair is unavailable, to the highest-ranking vice-chair available; or

(3) If the chair and all vice-chairs are unavailable, to the ~~county~~ administrator.

(c) During the continuance of a state of local emergency the director shall have direct responsibility for the coordination of all disaster emergency relief activities and efforts, subject only to the direction and control of the board or such direction and control as delegated by the board to the ~~county~~ administrator. The operational policies and procedures for response to disaster emergencies shall be consistent

with the Manatee County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and supporting documents.

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Sec. 2-13-23. Hurricane ~~evaluation~~evacuation levels established.

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Sec. 2-13-24. Post-disaster recovery.

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(b) The ~~policy group~~Multi-Agency Coordinator Committee as defined in the Manatee County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan may participate in the decision-making process to insure that recommendations to the board and amendments to the local emergency declarations will be coordinated and reflect broad county-wide concerns based on all available information and technical data.

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(e) **The ~~policy group~~Multi-Agency Coordinator Committee shall determine the necessary resources to be allocated to post-disaster recovery, and shall request the board empower a recovery team to begin the post-disaster restoration process.**



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June 17, 2026

Angelina Coloneso
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Manatee County
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Bradenton, FL 34205

Dear Angelina Coloneso:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 125.66, Florida Statutes, this will acknowledge receipt of your electronic copy of Manatee County Ordinance No. 26-24, which was filed in this office on June 17, 2026.

Sincerely,

Alexandra Leijon
Administrative Code and Register Director

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Good Afternoon,

Attached is **Manatee County Ordinance 26-24**, adopted by the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners on 6/16/26.

Thank you,

Robin Toth
Deputy Clerk, Board Records Department



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