

**RESOLUTION R2020-152**  
**DECLARATION OF STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Escambia County has been informed by her emergency management staff of the imminent threat posed by Tropical Storm Zeta; and

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Zeta has the capacity to pose a significant, imminent, and dangerous threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of Escambia County, Florida, visitors and tourists in Escambia County, Florida, as well as their real and personal property; and

WHEREAS, time and circumstances are such that a special emergency meeting of the Board of County Commissioners cannot be called; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 37-35 of the Escambia County Code of Ordinances, one Commissioner may declare a state of emergency.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Escambia County Code Section 37-35(a), the Board of County Commissioners hereby resolves, finds, and declares:

1. The above recitals are true and are incorporated herein.
2. A state of local emergency hereby exists in Escambia County, Florida, effective for seven (7) days beginning 8:00 a m., central daylight time, the 27th day of October, 2020.
3. The Board of County Commissioners, hereby waives the procedures and formalities otherwise required of Escambia County pertaining to:
  - a. Performance of public work and taking whatever prudent action is necessary to insure 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.
4. The County Administrator, or her designee is hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to exercise, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, such emergency powers necessary to carry out the provisions of Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, including, but not limited to, the powers to direct and compel evacuation of all or part of the population from stricken or threatened areas within the County, if such action is deemed necessary to reduce the vulnerability of people in communities of Escambia County to damage, injury, and loss of life and property resulting from the imminent threat, as well as any other powers expressly or implicitly conferred pursuant to Chapters 125 and 252, Florida Statutes, and any other provision of law or county ordinance.
  5. The Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) is hereby activated.
  6. This authority shall extend only for the period of the state of local emergency, as determined by the County Administrator or her designee, or until further action by the Board of County Commissioners terminates such authority or declares that the state of local emergency has ended.
  7. This Resolution shall be transmitted to the Secretary of State upon adoption.

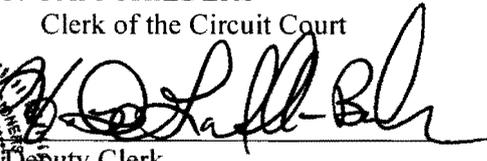
Adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

Date Executed  
10/27/2020

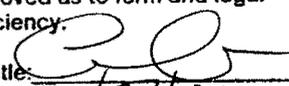
By:   
Steven Barry, Chairman

ATTEST: PAM CHILDERS  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By:   
Deputy Clerk



Approved as to form and legal  
sufficiency.

By/Title:   
Date: 10/27/20