



# City of Tarpon Springs, Florida

Board of Commissioners  
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## **SPECIAL SESSION AGENDA TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024 6:30 PM - CITY HALL AUDITORIUM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**AGENDA ITEMS**

1. **Ordinance 2024-12:** BOC Proposed Referendum Question **(2nd Reading)** (Irene Jacobs City Clerk)
2. **Resolution 2024-58:** Ratification of Executive Order 2024-22 (Charles Rudd City Manager)
3. **Resolution 2024-59:** Ratification of Executive Order 2024-23 (Charles Rudd City Manager)

**BOARD AND STAFF COMMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

## **ORDINANCE NO 2024-12**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, SUBMITTING THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CHARTER TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY FOR APPROVAL: AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 20 – RESIDENCY; PROVIDING THAT THE CHARTER SHALL BE AMENDED TO INCORPORATE ANY PROPOSED AMENDMENT RECEIVING A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY IN FAVOR OF SUCH AMENDMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 166.031, Florida Statutes, the Board of Commissioners of the City of Tarpon Springs may by ordinance propose amendments to the City Charter to the electors of the City of Tarpon Springs; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 32 of the City Charter, the Board of Commissioners has the authority to place its own sponsored proposal and recommend changes to the Charter; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 20 of the City Charter presently requires the city manager, assistant city manager, city clerk, administrative services director, fire chief, police chief, public service director, development service director, and planning and zoning director to establish legal residency in the City within one year after appointment; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 20 of the City Charter presently allows the Board of Commissioners to temporarily excuse the residency requirement for the above-mentioned positions for up to one year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Charter Revision Commission recommends amending the language of Section 20 of the City Charter to provide that all Department Heads and Directors live within ten (10) miles of City Hall; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners believes that the residency requirement may be difficult to satisfy and may stifle the City from attracting or retaining high-caliber, quality, and valuable employees that may be averse to displacing their families based on the residency requirement of Section 20 being proposed by the Charter Revision Commission.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The following proposed amendment to the City Charter of the City of Tarpon Springs shall be submitted to the electors of the City in an election to be held March 11, 2025, held in conjunction with the City's Municipal General Election. In the event that a proposed amendment to the Charter is approved by a majority of the voters at such election, the Charter shall be amended accordingly, and the amendment shall be effective as of the date the results of the election are certified.

Section 2. Proposed amendment to Section 20 of the City Charter with the exception of the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Fire Chief, and Police Chief that the Board of Commissioners would not require all Department Heads and Directors to have any residency restrictions.

**Section 20. - Residency.**

The Board of Commissioners would not require a residency rule for all Department Heads and Directors in the best interest of the city, with the exception of the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Fire Chief, and Police Chief.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its final passage and adoption; provided, however; that the sections hereof shall not be individually effective until such is approved by a majority vote of the electors voting in an election to be held on March 11, 2025, held in conjunction with the City's Municipal General Election and upon being filed with the Secretary of State. In the event that any such referendum question shall be defeated, then the applicable provisions of this Ordinance shall be of no further force or effect.

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## **RESOLUTION 2024-58**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, RATIFYING EXECUTIVE ORDER 2024-22 EXTENDING THE DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY TO DECEMBER 17, 2024; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.**

**WHEREAS**, Hurricane Helene posed a serious potential threat to the residents and property of Tarpon Springs; and

**WHEREAS**, Hurricane Helene caused extensive damage to commercial and residential buildings and areas; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 23, 2024, Governor DeSantis declared a State of Emergency throughout the state due to Hurricane Helene; and

**WHEREAS**, City Manager Mark G. LeCouris issued a local State of Emergency on September 24, 2024 due to Hurricane Helene; and

**WHEREAS**, City Manager Charles Rudd issued Executive Order 2024-22 extending the declaration of local State of Emergency through December 17, 2024.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, DULY ASSEMBLED THAT:**

**Section 1.** The Board of Commissioners hereby ratifies Executive Order 2024-22.

**Section 2.** This Resolution take effect immediately upon passage and adoption.

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER 2024-22**

### **AN EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA EXTENDING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR TARPON SPRINGS DUE TO HURRICANE HELENE AND ITS IMPACT ON THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OF THE CITY**

**WHEREAS**, A State of Emergency was declared for the City of Tarpon Springs by Executive Order 2024-02 on September 24, 2024, due to the threat of Hurricane Helene; and,

**WHEREAS**, Hurricane Helene had a serious impact on the residents and property of Tarpon Springs; and

**WHEREAS**, Hurricane Helene caused damage to public utilities, public buildings, public communication systems, public streets and roads, public drainage systems, commercial and residential buildings and areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of Pinellas County has extended a State of Emergency effective December 10, 2024; and,

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, provides authority for a political sub-division such as the City of Tarpon Springs to declare and extend a State of Local Emergency as necessary in seven (7) day increments allowing the City to waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of political sub-divisions by law pertaining to:

1. Performance of public work and taking whatever 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;
8. Appropriation and expenditure of public funds.

**WHEREAS**, The City Commission of the City of Tarpon Springs duly adopted Ordinance 2005-11 on May 17, 2005, providing for declaration of a state of emergency within the City of Tarpon Springs by Executive Order of the City Manager.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS DECLARED** by this Executive Order of the City Manager of the City of Tarpon Springs this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December 2024, that:

Section 1. Hurricane Helene had a serious impact on the lives and property of residents of Tarpon Springs, Florida; and

Section 2. The State of Local Emergency shall be extended effective the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December 2024, and shall be effective until December 17, 2024, or until rescinded for all territory within the legal boundaries of the City of Tarpon Springs, Florida; and

Section 3. The procedures and formalities required by law of a political sub-division are hereby waived as provided in Chapter 252, Florida Statutes.

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024.

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Charles Rudd, City Manager

ATTEST:

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Irene S. Jacobs, CMC, City Clerk & Collector

## **RESOLUTION 2024-59**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, RATIFYING EXECUTIVE ORDER 2024-23 EXTENDING THE DELCARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY TO DECEMBER 17, 2024; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.**

**WHEREAS**, Hurricane Milton posed a serious potential threat to the residents and property of Tarpon Springs; and

**WHEREAS**, Hurricane Milton caused extensive damage to commercial and residential buildings and areas; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 5, 2024, Governor DeSantis declared a State of Emergency throughout the state due to Hurricane Milton; and

**WHEREAS**, City Manager Charles Rudd issued a local State of Emergency on October 8, 2024 due to Hurricane Milton; and

**WHEREAS**, City Manager Charles Rudd issued Executive Order 2024-23 declared a local State of Emergency through December 17, 2024.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, DULY ASSEMBLED THAT:**

**Section 1.** The Board of Commissioners hereby ratifies Executive Order 2024-23.

**Section 2.** This Resolution take effect immediately upon passage and adoption.

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER 2024-23**

### **AN EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA EXTENDING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR TARPON SPRINGS DUE TO HURRICANE MILTON AND ITS IMPACT ON THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OF THE CITY**

**WHEREAS**, A State of Emergency was declared for the City of Tarpon Springs by Executive Order 2024-05 on October 8, 2024, due to the threat of Hurricane Milton (Tropical Storm Milton); and,

**WHEREAS**, Hurricane Milton had a serious impact on the residents and property of Tarpon Springs; and

**WHEREAS**, Hurricane Milton caused damage to public utilities, public buildings, public communication systems, public streets and roads, public drainage systems, commercial and residential buildings and areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of Pinellas County has extended a State of Emergency effective December 10, 2024; and,

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, provides authority for a political sub-division such as the City of Tarpon Springs to declare and extend a State of Local Emergency as necessary in seven (7) day increments allowing the City to waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of political sub-divisions by law pertaining to:

1. Performance of public work and taking whatever 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;
8. Appropriation and expenditure of public funds.

**WHEREAS**, The City Commission of the City of Tarpon Springs duly adopted Ordinance 2005-11 on May 17, 2005, providing for declaration of a state of emergency within the City of Tarpon Springs by Executive Order of the City Manager.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS DECLARED** by this Executive Order of the City Manager of the City of Tarpon Springs this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December 2024, that:

Section 1. Hurricane Milton had a serious impact on the lives and property of residents of Tarpon Springs, Florida; and

Section 2. The State of Local Emergency shall be extended effective the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December 2024, and shall be effective until December 17, 2024, or until rescinded for all territory within the legal boundaries of the City of Tarpon Springs, Florida; and

Section 3. The procedures and formalities required by law of a political sub-division are hereby waived as provided in Chapter 252, Florida Statutes.

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024.

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Charles Rudd, City Manager

ATTEST:

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Irene S. Jacobs, CMC, City Clerk & Collector