

EXECUTIVE ORDER EXTENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY NO WAKE ZONE FOR ALL OF SEMINOLE COUNTY INCLUDING ON ALL ROADWAYS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, constitutional home rule powers, and Chapter 72, Seminole County Code, Seminole County has the authority to regulate travel on any public street, highway or property during a declaration of a state of emergency by the Governor or local state of emergency for Seminole County; and

WHEREAS, on October 5, 2024, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 24-214, as amended by Executive Order Number 24-215 on October 6, 2024, concerning Tropical Storm Milton, now known as Hurricane Milton, declaring a state of emergency for multiple Florida counties, including Seminole County; and

WHEREAS, on October 6, 2024, Executive Order 2024-007 was executed, declaring a Local State of Emergency pursuant to Chapter 72, Seminole County Code, due to the imminent conditions posed by Hurricane Milton including severe weather; very high winds; heavy rain; possible tornadoes and flooding; and

WHEREAS, Section 252.38(3)(a)(5), Florida Statutes, grants political subdivisions the authority to take whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the community during a state of local emergency; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 90, Part 5 of the Seminole County Code makes it unlawful for any person to operate a vessel or similar device in a manner that may create wake harmful to persons or property on or near the shore and authorizes the Board of County Commissioners to prescribe speed limits for the waters of Seminole County; and

WHEREAS, hazardous flood conditions continue to pose a threat to Seminole County motorists; and

WHEREAS, Section 72.6(b)(1)(E), Seminole County Code, grants the Director of Emergency Management the authority to impose an Executive Order during a declared local state of emergency that regulates travel upon any public street, highway or other public property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BY THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT THE FOLLOWING EMERGENCY REGULATIONS ARE NECESSARY:

Section 1. No Wake Zone for Vessels and Vehicles. An idle speed/no wake restricted area shall continue to be in effect for all portions of Seminole County including numerous flooded roadways. It shall be unlawful for the operator of a vessel in the idle speed/no wake zone to operate the vessel in violation of the definition set forth in F.A.C. 68D-24.002(2). The violation of the idle speed/no wake zone restriction may be enforced by issuance of a uniform boating citation by a duly authorized law enforcement officer pursuant to Section 327.73, Florida Statutes, and punishable by the maximum fines and penalties authorized by State law for the violation of a County ordinance. An idle speed/no wake restriction continues to be in effect for all vehicles traveling on roadways within Seminole County, pursuant to the authority stated herein.

Section 2. Exemptions. This Emergency Order shall not apply to vessels or vehicles of any federal, state, county, or municipal agency while operated by an officer, employee, or agent thereof who is engaged in law enforcement or other necessary governmental activity.

Section 3. Duration of Restrictions. This Emergency Order shall be effective for seven (7) days from the execution of this Order, unless expressly rescinded or extended by subsequent Executive Order.

ORDERED this 15 day of October, 2024 at 0800.


Alan Harris, Director

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT