

**CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 24-01  
DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY  
(Invest 97L)**

I, Harvey L. Ward, Jr., as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, Florida, in accordance with the powers vested in me pursuant to Section 2.08 of the Charter Laws of the City of Gainesville, as adopted by Chapter 90-394, Laws of Florida, as amended; Sec. 2-67 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gainesville, Florida; and the powers authorized pursuant to Section 252.38, Florida Statutes; and in coordination with:

  X   Executive Order Number **24-156** issued by the Office of the Governor for **Invest 97L**, effective August 1, 2024; and/or

  X   Proclamation issued by the Board of County Commissioners declaring a Local State of Emergency for Alachua County effective at 6:00 p.m. on August 2, 2024.

Hereby proclaim the existence of a local state of emergency in the City of Gainesville, Florida, arising out of **Invest 97L**, which poses a threat of:

- X   severe weather conditions
- X   flooding
- X   environmental hazards

This local state of emergency shall commence at 6:00 p.m. on August 2, 2024, and shall terminate at 6:00 p.m. on August 9, 2024; unless earlier revoked in writing by the Mayor, in consultation with the City Manager.

This Declaration orders and issues the following executive measure(s) in the City of Gainesville, Alachua County, Florida, as follows:

- X   The City Manager is designated and authorized to enact and rescind a curfew throughout the municipal boundaries of the City of Gainesville, at such time as is necessary to protect and preserve the health, safety and welfare of the persons and property within the City. During the period of the curfew, all persons not involved in public safety or emergency service activities shall remain in their places of residence and shall not be or remain in public places. All pedestrian and vehicular movement, standing and parking, except for provisions of fire, police, emergency and hospital services, medical patients, utility emergency repairs and emergency calls

by physicians within the curfew area are prohibited during curfew hours. Retail establishments requiring re-supply in order to provide essential services or products, i.e., home improvement, groceries, fuel delivery locations, pharmacies or other retailers offering emergency supplies, transportation of fuels, movement of equipment and personnel for the provision of humanitarian support, and movement of equipment necessary for the protection of critical infrastructure or public safety are exceptions.

X Designate and authorize the City Manager, or designee(s), to take any and all action under the current version of the City of Gainesville City Emergency Operations Plan necessary for the protection and preservation of the health, welfare and safety of the people and property (both public and private) within the City of Gainesville, Florida, including, the right to enter onto public and private property for such purposes.

X Designate and authorize the City Manager or the General Manager for Utilities, as appropriate, to suspend the labor agreements of the City.


X Designate and authorize the City Manager, or designee(s) and the General Manager for Utilities, or designee(s), as appropriate, to waive the policies, procedures and formalities otherwise required of the City, pertaining to:

- (a) performance of public work and taking whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the City;
- (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; and
- (h) appropriate and expenditure of public funds.

Any person violating any executive order issued pursuant to this Declaration or any person who willfully fails or refuses to comply with the order or orders of any duly authorized law enforcement officer or personnel charged with the responsibility of the enforcement of such executive order shall, upon conviction therefore, be punished as provided by law. Violation of “any order or rule” imposed in an emergency situation is a second-degree misdemeanor per Section 252.50, Florida Statutes.

**Done and Ordered** at Gainesville, Alachua County, Florida, on August 20,

2024.



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HARVEY L. WARD, JR  
MAYOR