

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**In Re: Thomas R. Newman**

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**Case No.: FEC 24-377**

**TO:** Thomas R. Newman  
67 East Prairie Street  
Center Hill, FL 33514

William Keen  
Sumter County SOE  
7375 Powell Road, Suite 125  
Wildwood, FL 34785

**NOTICE OF HEARING (AUTOMATIC FINE (AF))**

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on **December 3, 2025, at 9:30 am, or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard**, via Webinar at: **Registration URL** <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8443550463090426453>. **Webinar ID** 144-463-043  
**Audio Only** 1 877 309 2074 -- 786-784-735.

Failure to appear in accordance with this notice will constitute a waiver of your right to participate in the hearing. Continuances will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

This hearing will be conducted pursuant to Section 106.25, Florida Statutes, which governs your participation as follows:

**If you are the Respondent**, you may attend the hearing, and you or your attorney will have *5 minutes* to present your case to the Commission. However, some cases (including those in which consent orders or recommendations for no probable cause are being considered) may be decided by an *en masse* vote and, unless you request to be heard or the Commission requests that your case be considered separately on the day of the hearing, your case will *not* be individually heard.

**If you are the Complainant**, you may attend the hearing, but you will *not* be permitted to address the Commission. In addition, some cases (including those in which consent orders or recommendations for no probable cause are being considered) may be decided by an *en masse* vote and, unless the Respondent requests to be heard or the Commission requests that the case be considered separately on the day of the hearing, the case will *not* be individually heard.

**If you are an Appellant**, and you have requested a hearing, you may attend the hearing, and you or your attorney will have *5 minutes* to present your case to the Commission.

Please be advised that both confidential and public cases are scheduled to be heard by the Florida Elections Commission on this date. As an Appellant, Respondent or Complainant in one case, you will *not* be permitted to attend the hearings on other confidential cases.

The Commission will electronically record the meeting. Although the Commission's recording is considered the official record of the hearing, the Respondent may provide, at his own expense, a certified court reporter to also record the hearing.

If you require an accommodation due to a disability, contact Donna Ann Malphurs at (850) 922-4539 or by mail at 107 West Gaines Street, The Collins Building, Suite 224, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, at least 5 days before the hearing.

**See further instructions on the reverse side.**

**Tim Vaccaro**

Executive Director  
Florida Elections Commission  
November 7, 2025

Please refer to the information below for further instructions related to your particular hearing:

If this is a hearing to consider **an appeal from an automatic fine**, the Filing Officer has imposed a fine on you for your failure to file a campaign treasurer's report on the designated due date and, by filing an appeal, you have asked the Commission to consider either (1) that the report was in fact timely filed; or (2) that there were unusual circumstances that excused the failure to file the report timely. You are required to prove your case. If the Commission finds that the report was filed timely or that there were unusual circumstances that excused the failure, it may waive the fine, in whole or in part. The Commission may reduce a fine after considering the factors in Section 106.265, Florida Statutes. If the Commission finds that the report was not timely filed and there were no unusual circumstances, the fine will be upheld.

If this is a hearing to consider a **consent order before a determination of probable cause has been made**, the Commission will decide whether to accept or reject the consent order. If the Commission accepts the consent order, the case will be closed and become public. If the Commission rejects the consent order or does not make a decision to accept or deny the consent order, the case will remain confidential, unless confidentiality has been waived.

If this is a hearing to consider a **consent order after a determination of probable cause has been made**, the Commission will decide whether to accept or reject the consent order. If the Commission accepts the consent order, the case will be closed. If the Commission rejects the consent order or does not make a decision to accept or deny the consent order, the Respondent will be entitled to another hearing to determine if the Respondent committed the violation(s) alleged.

If this is a **probable cause hearing**, the Commission will decide if there is probable cause to believe that the Respondent committed a violation of Florida's election laws. Respondent should be prepared to explain how the staff in its recommendation incorrectly applied the law to the facts of the case. *Respondent may not testify, call others to testify, or introduce any documentary or other evidence at the probable cause hearing.* The Commission will only decide whether Respondent should be *charged* with a violation and, before the Commission determines whether a violation has occurred or a fine should be imposed, Respondent will have an opportunity for another hearing at which evidence may be introduced.

If this is an **informal hearing**, it will be conducted pursuant Sections 120.569 and 120.57(2), Florida Statutes; Chapter 28 and Commission Rule 2B-1.004, Florida Administrative Code. At the hearing, the Commission will decide whether the Respondent committed the violation(s) charged in the Order of Probable Cause. The Respondent will be permitted to testify. However, the Respondent may not call witnesses to testify.

Respondent may argue why the established facts in the Staff Recommendation do not support the violations charged in the Order of Probable Cause. At Respondent's request, the Commission may determine whether Respondent's actions in the case were willful. The Respondent may also address the appropriateness of the recommended fine. If Respondent claims that his limited resources make him unable to pay the statutory fine, *he must provide the Commission with written proof of his financial resources* at the hearing. A financial affidavit form is available from the Commission Clerk.

**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**  
**CASE REPORT**  
**Case Number: FEC-24-377**

**NAME:** **THOMAS R. NEWMAN**

**DATE APPEAL RECEIVED:** 10/15/2024

**DATE REPORT DUE:** 10/11/2024 (2024 G4)

**DATE OF ELECTRONIC RECEIPT:** 10/14/2024

**DATE FILING OFFICER RECEIVED REPORT:** 10/14/2024

**NUMBER OF DAYS LATE:** 3

**AMOUNT OF FINE:** \$100.00

**FINE BASED ON:** (X)NUMBER OF DAYS (..) 25% OF RECEIPTS (..) 25% OF EXPENDITURES

**TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD:** \$0

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR REPORTING PERIOD:** \$361.37

**DATE OF FIRST NOTIFICATION:** 10/14/2024 (Fine Ltr Email)

**SUMMARY:** Thomas R. Newman was a candidate for Center Hill Mayor in the 2024 elections. Mr. Newman was his own treasurer.

Thomas R. Newman is appealing the fine, claiming he did not have power due to the hurricane on October 9, 2024. According to Mr. Newman, his power and internet were restored on October 13, 2024. He states that he filed the report from his office the following day, on October 14, 2024. He is requesting a waiver of the fine due to these circumstances.

- The 2024 G4 Original Report covers the period from 09/21/24-10/04/24; it was due on 10/11/24.
- The 2024 G4 Report shows that it was filed on 10/14/24.
- Thomas R. Newman reported receiving zero contributions, while making 2 expenditures.
- The Sumter County City Clerk's office does not have any notes that pertain to Thomas R. Newman's 2024 G4 report.

**PRIOR CASES:** None.

**CORRECTION OF FINE:** \$90.34

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| PC <input type="checkbox"/>                   | DISTRICT <input type="checkbox"/>          |
| CCE <input type="checkbox"/>                  | COUNTY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| POLITICAL PARTY <input type="checkbox"/>      | CITY <input type="checkbox"/>              |

#### **2B-1.005 Appeal of Fines Imposed by Filing Officers.**

(1) To appeal a fine imposed pursuant to Sections 106.04(8) or 106.07(8), F.S., the party against whom the fine is levied shall file a notice of appeal with the Commission, and a copy filed with the filing officer, within 20 days of the appealing party's receipt of notice that a fine is being imposed. The notice of appeal shall contain:

- (a) The name, address and telephone number of the appealing party;
- (b) A copy of the notice of imposition of fine issued by the filing officer; and
- (c) A request for hearing if a personal appearance before the Commission is desired. If no hearing request is made, the appeal shall be decided solely on the documents submitted by the appealing party and Commission staff.

(2) Upon receipt of a timely notice of appeal, the Commission staff shall notify the appealing party that the appeal has been accepted. The appealing party shall have 20 days from acceptance of the appeal to submit any documents supporting the appeal. Any subsequent supplemental documents shall be filed no later than five business days before the hearing..

(3) The Commission shall uphold the fine imposed by the filing officer unless the appealing party demonstrates that the report was timely filed or that there were unusual or other circumstances beyond the control of the candidate or committee that caused the report to be filed late.

*Rulemaking Authority 106 26(1) FS Law Implemented 106.04(8), 106.07(8), F.S. History-New 9-14-86, Amended 10-19-86, Formerly ID-100.5, Amended 1-11-99, 4-24-0.5, 6-2-13..*

#### **2B-1.0052 Fine Imposed; Timely Filed Reports.**

*Rulemaking Authority 106 26(1) Chapter 97-13, Section 52, Laws of Florida. Law Implemented 106 04(8), 106.07(8) FS History-New 1-1199, Amended 1-2-02, 4-24-0.5, Repealed 6-2-13..*

#### **2B-1.0055 Late-filed Reports; Unusual Circumstances.**

(1) Unusual circumstances mean uncommon, rare or sudden events over which the actor has no control and which directly result in the failure to act according to the filing requirements. Unusual circumstances must occur within a time period that would clearly prevent the person legally responsible for filing the report from doing so in a timely manner. Unusual circumstances shall include, but are not limited to, the following circumstances:

- (a) Natural disaster or other emergency that prevented timely filing, Evidence submitted shall include copies of newspaper reports or other documents from an independent and reliable source that document the nature, date, and location of the natural disaster or emergency.
- (b) Death of the candidate or campaign treasurer or an immediate family member of the candidate or campaign treasurer. Evidence submitted shall include a copy of the death certificate, newspaper obituary, or funeral program or notice.
- (c) Serious illness, disability or non-elective surgery of the candidate or campaign treasurer, Evidence submitted shall include a physician's certification on professional letterhead stationery that includes the dates of the illness, disability, or surgery; a statement regarding the period of time that the patient was incapacitated; and a statement that surgery, if any, was not elective. The period of incapacitation may also be shown by copies of hospital records reflecting the dates of hospitalization.
- (d) Serious illness, disability or non-elective surgery of the candidate's or campaign treasurer's immediate family member, Evidence submitted shall include evidence of the candidate or treasurer's relationship to the family member, the location of the family member, and the reason the candidate or campaign treasurer's presence was required. Evidence submitted shall also include a physician's certification on professional letterhead stationery that includes the dates of the illness, disability or surgery; a statement regarding the period of time that the patient was incapacitated; a statement that surgery, if any, was not elective; and a statement that the patient required the care of a family member.



- (e) Computer or equipment failure caused by events that could not have been anticipated and that made timely filing of the report impossible.
  - (f) The abrupt and unexpected loss of the campaign treasurer; over which the appealing party had no control. The loss of the campaign treasurer shall not constitute unusual circumstances if the appealing party failed to monitor the campaign treasurer's performance before his or her departure or if the appealing party failed to assure prompt preparation of the report after the treasurer's departure.
  - (g) Failure of the filing officer to e-mail, telephone, or mail a letter to the candidate, chairman of a political committee, or treasurer of a committee of continuous existence that a report is late no later than seven days after the report was due shall constitute unusual circumstances if the appealing party establishes that lack of notice clearly interfered with the timely filing of the report. The fine imposed by the filing officer shall be reduced to the amount that would have been imposed had the report been filed 13 days.
- (2) Unusual circumstances shall not include:
- (a) Failure of the United States Postal Service or other mail delivery service to postmark an envelope, legibly postmark an envelope, or timely deliver mail.
  - (b) Failure of the sender to affix sufficient postage to a report that is being mailed.

*Rulemaking Authority 106.26(1) FS Law Implemented 106 04(8), 106 07(8) FS History—New I-11-99 Amended 4-24-05, 6-2-13..*

**From:** [Donna Malphurs](#) on behalf of [Florida Elections Commission](#)  
**To:** [Br"Axeton Wims](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Appeal late filing fee due to hurricane Milton  
**Date:** Friday, October 18, 2024 3:59:05 PM  
**Attachments:** [fine letter.pdf](#)

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----- Forwarded by Donna Malphurs/OAG on 10/18/2024 03:58 PM -----

From: "Thomas Newman" <newmansperformance@gmail.com>  
To: "fec@myfloridalegal.com" <fec@myfloridalegal.com>, "Thomas Newman" <newmansperformance@gmail.com>  
Date: 10/15/2024 02:01 PM  
Subject: Appeal late filing fee due to hurricane Milton

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Dear Sir/Mam,

Attached is the fine letter from sumter county elections. The due date to file was Friday 10/11/2024 and due to the hurricane on Wednesday 10/09/24 and prep for the hurricane. yesterday 10/14/24 my internet was restored and Sunday 10/13/24 my power which was out from 10/09/24 was restored. It makes it hard to file without power or internet. I did file Monday 10/14/24 from my work in Orlando which did have internet. Please consider my request to waive the fine.

Thank you.(See attached file: *fine letter.pdf*)



Thomas Newman &lt;newmansperformance@gmail.com&gt;

## Late Filing Fee Notice

1 message

Bright, Lisa &lt;Lisa.Bright@sumtercountyfl.gov&gt;

Mon, Oct 14, 2024 at 10:11 AM

Good morning,

Financial Report P6 was due no later than 11:59 p.m. on October 11, 2024. By filing it on October 12, 2024, the fine owed is \$100.00, payable to the Sumter County Supervisor of Elections Office.

**Please remember, this must be paid out of your personal account and not the campaign account.** This can be paid at the SOE Wildwood or SOE Bushnell.

### ***Penalty for Late Filing***

*Please refer to your Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook (page 56)*

*Any candidate failing to file a report on the designated due date shall be subject to a fine of*

*\$50 per day for the first three days late and, thereafter, \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25 percent of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. However, for the reports immediately preceding the primary and general election, the fine shall be \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed*

*25 percent of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report.*

*For a candidate's termination report, the fine shall be \$50 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25 percent of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater for the period covered by the late report. All fines must be paid from the candidate's **personal funds** – not campaign funds.*

*(Sections 106.07(2) and (8), Fla. Stat.)*

Best regards



**Lisa Bright,**

Deputy Clerk

Sumter County, FL

Tel: 352-569-1540

Fax: 352-569-1541

<https://Elections.SumterCountyFL.gov>

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**Bright, Lisa**

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**From:** Bright, Lisa  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 8, 2024 2:49 PM  
**Subject:** G4 Financial Report Reminder II

Dear Candidate/Treasurer:

This email is a reminder that **FINANCIAL REPORT G4**, for the current reporting period, 09/21/2024 thru 10/4/2024, is due **NO LATER THAN 11:59 PM FRIDAY OCTOBER 11, 2024.**

For your convenience, the instruction book that was provided to you during your pre-filing appointment is available at the link provided below:

[Finance Reporting Instruction Booklet.](#)

**REMEMBER:**

If you miss the deadline there will be **FINES** that will be assessed which must be paid from your personal account.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the Candidate Services Department at: P 352.569.1540 (*Select (1) for Directory and (2) for Candidates*)

Thank you,

**From:** [Br'Axeton Wims](#)  
**To:** ["Bright, Lisa"](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Florida Elections Commission- Info Request for case 24-377 (Thomas R. Newman)  
**Date:** Monday, June 30, 2025 3:44:00 PM

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Good afternoon Ms. Bright,

Received! Thank you so much for the information. It was a pleasure speaking with you.

I meant to write "2024 G4" below instead of G6! My apologies for the error. I'm glad we were able to clear that up by phone.

Have a great evening.

Thank you,

Br'Axeton E. Wims  
Deputy Agency Clerk  
Florida Elections Commission  
107 West Gaines St  
Collins Building, Suite 224  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-6596  
850-922-4539  
[br'axeton.wims@myfloridalegal.com](mailto:br'axeton.wims@myfloridalegal.com)

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**From:** Bright, Lisa <[Lisa.Bright@sumtercountyfl.gov](mailto:Lisa.Bright@sumtercountyfl.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 30, 2025 3:36 PM  
**To:** Br'Axeton Wims <[Braxeton.Wims@myfloridalegal.com](mailto:Braxeton.Wims@myfloridalegal.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Florida Elections Commission- Info Request for case 24-377 (Thomas R. Newman)

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Good afternoon Ms. Wims,

Candidate Newman had submitted his G4 Financial Report, 10/14/2024, which was three days late.

Thank you so much!

Respectfully submitted,

**Lisa Bright,**  
Deputy Clerk  
Sumter County, FL  
Tel: 352-569-1540  
Fax: 352-569-1541

<https://Elections.SumterCountyFL.gov>

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**From:** Br'Axeton Wims [<mailto:Braxeton.Wims@myfloridalegal.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 30, 2025 2:39 PM

**To:** Bright, Lisa <Lisa.Bright@sumtercountyfl.gov>

**Subject:** Florida Elections Commission- Info Request for case 24-377 (Thomas R. Newman)

Good afternoon,

Can you send me the following documents for candidate **Thomas R. Newman**?

DS-DE 9

DS-DE 84

Also, the fine letter for the 2024 G4 Report was not included in the information received on 11-06-24. Can you send a copy please?

I have attached the original appeal from Mr. Newman. The email included states "Financial Report P6" but has the due date of 10/11/24 (2024 G6). Please advise.

Thank you,

Br'Axeton E. Wims  
Deputy Agency Clerk  
Florida Elections Commission  
107 West Gaines St  
Collins Building, Suite 224  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-6596  
850-922-4539  
br'axeton.wims@myfloridalegal.com

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## CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY

(1) Thomas &#34;Randy&#34; Newman

Name

(2) 67 E. Prairie St.

Address (number and street)

Center Hill, FL 33514

City, State, Zip Code

☐ Check here if address has changed

(3) ID Number: 528

### OFFICE USE ONLY

ONLINE SUBMISSION

[1333996]

Submitted on:

10/14/2024 08:27:59 (eastern)

(4) Check appropriate box(es):

☒ Candidate Office Sought: Center Hill, Mayor

☐ Political Committee (PC)

☐ Electioneering Communications Org. (ECO)

☐ Party Executive Committee (PTY)

☐ Independent Expenditure (IE) (also covers an individual making electioneering communications)

☐ Check here if PC or ECO has disbanded

☐ Check here if PTY has disbanded

☐ Check here if no other IE or EC reports will be filed

### (5) Report Identifiers

Cover Period: From 9 / 21 / 2024 To 10 / 4 / 2024 Report Type: G4

☒ Original

☐ Amendment

☐ Special Election Report

### (6) Contributions This Report

Cash & Checks \$        ,        , 0 . 00

Loans \$        ,        , 0 . 00

Total Monetary \$        ,        , 0 . 00

In-Kind \$        ,        , 0 . 00

### (7) Expenditures This Report

Monetary Expenditures \$        ,        , 361 . 37

Transfers to Office Account \$        ,        , 0 . 00

Total Monetary \$        ,        , 361 . 37

### (8) Other Distributions

\$        ,        , 0 . 00

### (9) TOTAL Monetary Contributions To Date

\$        ,        , 450 . 00

### (10) TOTAL Monetary Expenditures To Date

\$        ,        , 412 . 37

### (11) Certification

It is a first degree misdemeanor for any person to falsify a public record (ss. 839.13, F.S.)

I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct, and complete:

(Type name)

☐ Individual (only for IE or electioneering comm.) ☐ Treasurer ☐ Deputy Treasurer

X

Signature

(Type name)

☐ Candidate ☐ Chairperson (only for PC and PTY)

X

Signature



## CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

(1) Name Thomas &#34;Randy&#34; Newman (2) I.D. Number 528  
 9/21/2024 10/4/2024  
 (3) Cover Period \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ (4) Page 1 of 0

| (5)<br>Date | (7)<br>Full Name<br>(Last, Suffix, First, Middle)<br>Street Address &<br>City, State, Zip Code | (8)<br>Contributor<br>Type Occupation |  | (9)<br>Contribution<br>Type | (10)<br>In-kind<br>Description | (11)<br>Amendment | (12)<br>Amount |
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# CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

(1) Name Thomas &#34;Randy&#34; Newman

(2) I.D. Number 528

(3) Cover Period 9/21/2024 through 10/4/2024

(4) Page 1 of 1

| (5)<br>Date      | (7)<br>Full Name<br>(Last, Suffix, First, Middle)<br>Street Address &<br>City, State, Zip Code  | (8)<br>Purpose<br>(add office sought if<br>contribution to a<br>candidate) | (9)<br>Expenditure<br>Type | (10)<br>Amendment | (11)<br>Amount |
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| 9/24/2024<br>/ / | Signs on the cheap,<br><a href="https://www.signsonthecheap.com/">https://www.signsonthecheap.com/</a><br>11525A Stomehollow Dr suite 100<br>Austin, TX 78758 | signs  | MO                         |                   | \$257.48       |
| 1                |   |  |                            |                   |                |
| 9/24/2024<br>/ / | <a href="https://www.uptime.com/">https://www.uptime.com/</a> ,<br>800 Haskell Ave<br>Van Nuys, Ca 91406  | flyers   | MO                         |                   | \$103.89       |
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## CANDIDATE ACTIVITY LOG

**Name of Candidate:** Randy Newman

**Office:** Center Hill, Mayor

| Date       | Received/Description/LOG   | Docs Scanned | Initials |
|------------|--|--------------|----------|
| 05.13.2024 | Candidate has successfully Pre- Filed.                               | X            | LB       |
| 05.13.2024 | Candidate has successfully Qualified.                                | X            | LB       |
| 06.03.2024 | Q2 Financial Report Reminder sent.                                   | X            | LB       |
| 06.10.2024 | Candidate has submitted at P1, not a Q2. P1 rejected, an email sent. | X            | LB       |
| 06.10.2024 | Mr. Newman has filed his Q2 report.                                  |              | TO       |
| 06.19.2024 | P1 successfully submitted.   | X            | LB       |
| 06.28.2024 | P2 Financial Report Deadline Reminder sent.                          | X            | LB       |
| 07.02.2024 | P2 Financial Report Deadline Reminder sent.                          | X            | LB       |
| 07.05.2024 | P2 Financial Report Deadline Reminder sent.                          | X            | LB       |
| 07.08.2024 | Late File Fee Penalty email sent to candidate.                       | X            | LB       |
| 07.08.2024 | P2 successfully submitted.   | X            | LB       |
| 07.08.2024 | P3 successfully submitted.   | X            | LB       |
| 07.09.2024 | Candidate owes \$100.00 in late fees.                                |              | LB       |
| 07.23.2024 | P4 successfully submitted.   | X            | LB       |
| 07.29.2024 | Candidate has paid his P2 Late Filing Fee Penalty of \$100.00.       | X            | LB       |
| 07.29.2024 | P5 Financial Report Deadline Reminder sent.                          | X            | LB       |
| 07.30.2024 | P5 Financial Report Deadline II Reminder sent.                       | X            | LB       |
| 07.30.2024 | P5 successfully submitted.   | X            | LB       |
| 07.30.2024 | P6 successfully submitted.   | X            | LB       |
| 08.12.2024 | P7 Financial Report Deadline Reminder sent.                          | X            | LB       |
| 08.13.2024 | P7 successfully submitted.   | X            | LB       |
| 08.25.2024 | G1 successfully submitted.   | X            | LB       |
| 09.09.2024 | G2 successfully submitted.   | X            | LB       |
| 09.26.2024 | G3 successfully submitted.   | X            | LB       |
| 10.08.2024 | G4 Financial Report Deadline Reminder sent.                          | X            | LB       |
| 10.14.2024 | G4 submitted, three days late.                                       | X            | LB       |
| 10.14.2024 | Late Filing Fee Notice emailed, showing balance due of \$100.00      | X            | LB       |
| 10.21.2024 | G5 Financial Report Deadline Reminder sent.                          | X            | LB       |
| 10.21.2024 | G5 successfully submitted.   | X            | LB       |
| 10.21.2024 | G6 successfully submitted.   | X            | LB       |
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# Candidate: Thomas "Randy" Newman

## Office: Center Hill, Mayor

☐ **Show only financial reports (Hides bio)**

### Available reports...

Q2 6/10/2024  
 P1 6/21/2024  
 P2 7/5/2024  
 P3 7/19/2024  
 P4 7/26/2024  
 P5 8/2/2024  
 P6 8/9/2024  
 P7 8/16/2024  
 G1 8/30/2024  
 G2 9/13/2024  
 G3 9/27/2024  
 G4 10/11/2024  
 G5 10/25/2024  
 G6 11/1/2024  
 TR-G 2/3/2025

### Contact Information

**Address** 67 E. Prairie St.  
 Center Hill, FL - 33514  
**Email** newmansperformance@gmail.com  
**Phone** 352-303-3359

### Candidate's Statement

**Note: The candidate's photograph and statement are supplied by the candidate and are not endorsed by the County Supervisor of Elections or checked for accuracy.**

### The following financial reports are available:

| Report<br>View Transactions   | Monetary<br>Contributions | In-Kind<br>Contributions | Expenditures<br>and Distributions |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Q2<br>(4/1/2024 - 5/31/2024)  | \$100.00                  | \$0.00                   | \$51.00                           |
| P1<br>(6/1/2024 - 6/14/2024)  | \$0.00                    | \$0.00                   | \$0.00                            |
| P2<br>(6/15/2024 - 6/28/2024) | \$0.00                    | \$0.00                   | \$0.00                            |
| P3<br>(6/29/2024 - 7/12/2024) | \$0.00                    | \$0.00                   | \$0.00                            |
| P4<br>(7/13/2024 - 7/19/2024) | \$0.00                    | \$0.00                   | \$0.00                            |

| <b>Report<br/>View Transactions</b> | <b>Monetary<br/>Contributions</b> | <b>In-Kind<br/>Contributions</b> | <b>Expenditures<br/>and Distributions</b> |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| P5<br>(7/20/2024 - 7/26/2024)       | \$0.00                            | \$0.00                           | \$0.00                                    |
| P6<br>(7/27/2024 - 8/2/2024)        | \$0.00                            | \$0.00                           | \$0.00                                    |
| P7<br>(8/3/2024 - 8/15/2024)        | \$0.00                            | \$0.00                           | \$0.00                                    |
| G1<br>(8/16/2024 - 8/23/2024)       | \$0.00                            | \$0.00                           | \$0.00                                    |
| G2<br>(8/24/2024 - 9/6/2024)        | \$0.00                            | \$0.00                           | \$0.00                                    |
| G3<br>(9/7/2024 - 9/20/2024)        | \$350.00                          | \$0.00                           | \$0.00                                    |
| G4<br>(9/21/2024 - 10/4/2024)       | \$0.00                            | \$0.00                           | \$361.37                                  |
| G5<br>(10/5/2024 - 10/18/2024)      | \$0.00                            | \$0.00                           | \$0.00                                    |
| G6<br>(10/19/2024 - 10/31/2024)     | \$0.00                            | \$0.00                           | \$0.00                                    |
| TR-G<br>(11/1/2024 - 2/3/2025)      | \$0.00                            | \$0.00                           | \$37.63                                   |

Candidate qualifying forms and miscellaneous documents



APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER  
AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN  
DEPOSITORY FOR CANDIDATES

(Section 106.021(1), F.S.)

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

24 MAY 13 3:40 PM

NOTE: This form must be on file with the qualifying  
officer before opening the campaign account.

OFFICE USE ONLY

1. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):

☒ Initial Filing of Form Re-filing to Change: ☐ Treasurer/Deputy ☐ Depository ☐ Office ☐ Party

2. Name of Candidate (in this order: First, Middle, Last)

THOMAS RANDALL NEWMAN

4. Telephone

(352) 303-3359

5. E-mail address

newmansperformance@gmail.com

3. Address (include post office box or street, city, state, zip  
code)

67 E PRAIRIE ST  
CENTER HILL FL 33514

6. Office sought (include district, circuit, group number)

MAYOR

7. If a candidate for a nonpartisan office, check if  
applicable:

☐ My intent is to run as a Write-In candidate.

8. If a candidate for a partisan office, check block and fill in name of party as applicable: My intent is to run as a

☐ Write-In ☐ No Party Affiliation ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Party candidate.

9. I have appointed the following person to act as my

☒ Campaign Treasurer ☐ Deputy Treasurer

10. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

THOMAS R NEWMAN

11. Mailing Address

67 E PRAIRIE ST

12. Telephone

(352) 303-3359

13. City 14. County 15. State 16. Zip Code 17. E-mail address

CENTER HILL FL

SUMTER

FL

33514

newmansperformance@gmail.com

18. I have designated the following bank as my

☐ Primary Depository ☐ Secondary Depository

19. Name of Bank

SOUTH STATE BANK

20. Address

114 W BELT AVE

21. City

BUSHNELL

22. County

SUMTER

23. State

FL

24. Zip Code

33513

UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING FORM FOR APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND  
DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY AND THAT THE FACTS STATED IN IT ARE TRUE.

25. Date

5/13/24

26. Signature of Candidate

X Thomas R Newman

27. Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment (fill in the blanks and check the appropriate block)

I, THOMAS R NEWMAN, do hereby accept the appointment  
(Please Print or Type Name)

designated above as:

☒ Campaign Treasurer. ☐ Deputy Treasurer.

5/13/24  
Date

X Thomas R Newman  
Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

# STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE

(Section 106.023, F.S.)

(Please print or type)

OFFICE USE ONLY

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I, THOMAS R NEWMAN,

candidate for the office of MAYOR;

have been provided access to read and understand the requirements of  
Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

X Thomas R Newman  
Signature of Candidate

5/13/24  
Date

Each candidate must file a statement with the qualifying officer within 10 days after the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository is filed. Willful failure to file this form is a first degree misdemeanor and a civil violation of the Campaign Financing Act which may result in a fine of up to \$1,000, (ss. 106.19(1)(c), 106.265(1), Florida Statutes).

# STATE OF FLORIDA

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 24-264

(Emergency Management – Extension of Executive Order 24-214 – Hurricane Milton)

**WHEREAS**, on October 5, 2024, I issued Executive Order 24-214, declaring a state of emergency for thirty-five counties due to the severe weather, heavy rainfall, flash flooding, river flooding, and gusty winds caused by Tropical Storm Milton; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 6, 2024, I issued Executive Order 24-215, which amended Executive Order 24-214, and extended the state of emergency to fifty-one counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the tropical system surged from a tropical storm to a category 5 hurricane in less than twenty four hours on its trajectory in the Gulf of Mexico; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 9, 2024, Hurricane Milton made landfall as a dangerous category 3 hurricane along Florida's Gulf Coast near Siesta Key, about five miles west of Sarasota; and

**WHEREAS**, the affected areas are still recovering from the damage caused by Hurricane Milton; and

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order 24-214, as amended by Executive Orders 24-215 and 24-234, expires on December 4, 2024, unless extended; and

**WHEREAS**, an extension of Executive Order 24-214 is necessary because recovery efforts and those affected by this disaster require the continued support of the State of Florida.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS**, as Governor of Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article IV, Section 1(a) of the Florida Constitution and by the Florida Emergency Management Act, as amended, and all other applicable laws, promulgate the following Executive Order to take immediate effect:



Section 1. The state of emergency and all provisions of Executive Order 24-214 are renewed for sixty (60) days following the date of this Executive Order.

Section 2. This Executive Order will not extend the amendments and accommodations made by Executive Order 24-234 which are now moot.

Section 3. Except as amended herein, Executive Order 24-214, as amended by Executive Order 24-215, is ratified and reaffirmed.

Section 4. This Executive Order is effective immediately.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 3rd day of December, 2024.

  
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RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
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SECRETARY OF STATE

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE, FL  
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# STATE OF FLORIDA

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 24-215

**(Emergency Management – Amending Executive Order 24-214 – Tropical Storm Milton)**

**WHEREAS**, on October 5, 2024, I issued Executive Order 24-214, declaring a state of emergency for thirty-five counties across the State of Florida due to the dangers presented by Tropical Storm Milton; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 6, 2024, Tropical Storm Milton continues to strengthen, and is forecast to undergo significant to rapid intensification over the next seventy two hours as it moves eastward over the central and eastern Gulf of Mexico; and

**WHEREAS**, the forecast indicates that Tropical Storm Milton will be at or near a catastrophic major hurricane upon landfall along the Florida West Coast, accompanied by life-threatening storm surge and severe wind gusts for the Florida Gulf Coast; and

**WHEREAS**, an amendment to Executive Order 24-214 is necessary because recovery efforts and those affected by this disaster require the continued support of the State of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, as Governor of Florida, I am responsible to meet the dangers presented to the State of Florida and its people by this emergency.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS**, as Governor of Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article IV, Section 1(a) of the Florida Constitution and by the Florida Emergency Management Act, as amended, and all other applicable laws, promulgate the following Executive Order, to take immediate effect:

Section 1. Section 1 of Executive Order 24-214 is amended to read as follows:

Because of the foregoing conditions, which are projected to constitute a major disaster, I declare that a state of emergency exists in Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Brevard, Broward, Charlotte, Citrus, Clay, Collier, Columbia, DeSoto, Dixie, Duval, Flagler, Gilchrist, Glades, Hamilton, Hardee, Hendry, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Indian River, Lafayette, Lake, Lee, Levy, Madison, Manatee, Marion, Martin, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Nassau, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Putnam, Sarasota, Seminole, St. Johns, St. Lucie, Sumter, Suwanee, Taylor, Union, and Volusia counties.

Section 2. Except as amended herein, Executive Order 24-214 is ratified and reaffirmed.

Section 3. This Executive Order is effective immediately and shall expire upon the expiration of Executive Order 24-214.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 6th day of October, 2024.

A blue ink signature of Ron DeSantis, written in a cursive style, positioned above a horizontal line.

RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

A blue ink signature, likely of the Secretary of State, written in a cursive style, positioned above a horizontal line.

SECRETARY OF STATE

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# STATE OF FLORIDA

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 24-214 (Emergency Management – Tropical Storm Milton)

**WHEREAS**, on October 5, 2024, showers and thunderstorms associated with an area of low pressure located over the southwestern Gulf of Mexico have gradually become better organized, and the storm is now identified as Tropical Storm Milton; and

**WHEREAS**, atmospheric and oceanic conditions are anticipated to support rapid intensification over the Gulf of Mexico, and Tropical Storm Milton is forecast to become a hurricane by early Monday; and

**WHEREAS**, this system could become a major hurricane near or at landfall along the West Florida Coast by the middle of next week; and

**WHEREAS**, there is an increasing risk of life-threatening storm surge and wind impacts for portions of the western Florida Peninsula beginning as soon as later Tuesday and Wednesday; and

**WHEREAS**, areas of heavy rainfall will impact portions of Florida well ahead of the tropical system, impacting Florida Gulf Coast communities still recovering from recent Major Hurricane Helene; and

**WHEREAS**, current computer modeling shows rainfall predictions of four to eight inches across the Florida Peninsula, with locally higher amounts in excess of eight to twelve inches possible; and

**WHEREAS**, much of Florida has recorded above normal rainfall over the past thirty days; North Florida has experienced rainfall totals of six to twelve inches above normal, with portions

of the eastern Florida Panhandle measuring fifteen to twenty inches above normal for this time of year; and

**WHEREAS**, this level of soil saturation will likely lead to a more rapid onset to flash, urban, and riverine flooding through next week; and

**WHEREAS**, heavy rainfall, flooding, and gusty winds will cause power outages due to downed trees and powerlines due to the already vulnerable state of Florida's vegetation and coastal infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, the consequences of these impacts could damage the operational capability of critical infrastructure including major interstates and roadways, bridges, airports, schools, hospitals, power grids, in addition to prolonging recovery efforts from Major Hurricane Helene; and

**WHEREAS**, as Governor of Florida, I am responsible to meet the dangers presented to the State of Florida and its people by this emergency.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS**, as Governor of Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article IV, Section 1(a) of the Florida Constitution and by the Florida Emergency Management Act, as amended, and all other applicable laws, promulgate the following Executive Order, to take immediate effect:

Section 1. Because of the foregoing conditions, which are projected to constitute a major disaster, I declare that a state of emergency exists in Brevard, Broward, Charlotte, Citrus, Collier, DeSoto, Flagler, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Indian River, Lake, Lee, Manatee, Marion, Martin, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Putnam, Sarasota, Seminole, St. Johns, St. Lucie, Sumter, and Volusia counties.

Section 2. I designate the Executive Director of the Division of Emergency Management (“Director”) as the State Coordinating Officer for the duration of this emergency and direct him to execute the State’s Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and other response, recovery, and mitigation plans necessary to cope with the emergency, including any logistical, rescue or evacuation operations. Pursuant to section 252.36(1)(a), Florida Statutes, I delegate to the State Coordinating Officer the authority to exercise those powers delineated in sections 252.36(6)-(12), Florida Statutes, which he shall exercise as needed to meet this emergency, subject to the limitations of section 252.33, Florida Statutes. In exercising the powers delegated by this Executive Order, the State Coordinating Officer shall confer with the Governor to the fullest extent practicable. It is further ordered that the requirements of sections 943.13 and 943.131, Florida Statutes, as they may be applicable to the State Coordinating Officer, shall be waived for the duration of this emergency. The State Coordinating Officer shall not have the authority to suspend or limit the sale, dispensing, or transportation of firearms pursuant to section 252.36(6)(h), Florida Statutes. The State Coordinating Officer shall also have the authority to:

A. Invoke and administer the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (“EMAC”) (sections 252.921-252.9335, Florida Statutes) and other compacts and agreements existing between the State of Florida and other states, and the further authority to coordinate the allocation of resources from such other states that are made available to Florida under such compacts and agreements so as to best meet this emergency.

B. Seek direct assistance and enter into agreements with any and all agencies of the federal government as may be needed to meet this emergency.

C. Direct all state, regional, and local governmental agencies, including law enforcement agencies, to identify personnel needed from those agencies to assist in meeting the response, recovery, and mitigation needs created by this emergency, and to place all such personnel

under the direct command and coordination of the State Coordinating Officer to meet this emergency.

D. Direct the actions of any state agency as necessary to implement the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Disaster Recovery Framework.

E. Designate Deputy State Coordinating Officers and Deputy State Disaster Recovery Coordinators, as necessary.

F. Suspend the effect of any statute, rule, or order that would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay any mitigation, response, or recovery action necessary to cope with this emergency. In accordance with section 252.3611(1), Florida Statutes, any such order, declaration, or other action shall specify each statute or rule being amended or waived, if applicable, and the expiration date for the order or action.

G. Enter orders as may be needed to implement any of the foregoing powers; however, the requirements of sections 252.46 and 120.54(4), Florida Statutes, do not apply to any such orders issued by the State Coordinating Officer. No such order shall remain in effect beyond the expiration of this Executive Order, including any extension thereof.

H. Direct all state, regional, and local governmental agencies, including law enforcement agencies, to allow Floridians to return to their properties when it is reasonably safe to do so.

Section 3. I order the Adjutant General to activate the Florida National Guard, as needed, to deal with this emergency. I further order the Director of the Florida State Guard to activate the Florida State Guard, as needed, to respond to this emergency.

Section 4. I find that the special duties and responsibilities resting upon some state, regional, and local agencies and other governmental bodies in responding to this emergency may



require them to suspend or waive certain statutes, rules, ordinances, and orders they administer. Therefore, I issue the following authorizations:

A. Pursuant to section 252.36(6)(a), Florida Statutes, the Executive Office of the Governor may suspend all statutes and rules affecting budgeting to the extent necessary to provide budget authority for state agencies to cope with this emergency. The requirements of sections 252.46 and 120.54(4), Florida Statutes, do not apply to any such suspension issued by the Executive Office of the Governor. No such suspension shall remain in effect beyond the expiration of this Executive Order, including any extension thereof.

B. Each state agency may suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business or the orders or rules of that agency, if strict compliance with the provisions of any such statute, order, or rule would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency. This includes, but is not limited to, the authority to suspend any and all statutes, rules, ordinances, or orders which affect leasing, printing, purchasing, travel, and the condition of employment and the compensation of employees. In accordance with section 252.3611(1), Florida Statutes, any agency order, declaration, or other action suspending a statute or rule shall specify each statute or rule being amended or waived, if applicable, and the expiration date for the order or action. The requirements of sections 252.46 and 120.54(4), Florida Statutes, shall not apply to any such suspension issued by a state agency. No such suspension shall remain in effect beyond the expiration of this Executive Order, including any extension thereof.

C. In accordance with section 252.38(3), Florida Statutes, each political subdivision within the State of Florida may waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the political subdivision 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) Following local procurement and contracting policies;

3) Entering into contracts; however, political subdivisions are cautioned against entering into time and materials contracts without a ceiling as defined by 2 CFR 200.318(j) or cost plus a percentage of cost contracts prohibited by 2 CFR 200.324(d);

4) Incurring obligations;

5) Employment of permanent and temporary workers;

6) Utilization of volunteer workers;

7) Rental of equipment;

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8) Acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation, of supplies, materials, and facilities; and

9) Appropriation and expenditure of public funds.

D. All agencies whose employees are certified as disaster service volunteers within the meaning of section 110.120(2)(d), Florida Statutes, may, in accordance with section 110.120(3), Florida Statutes, release any such employees for such service as requested by the employee to meet this emergency.

E. The Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation (DOT) may:

1) Waive the collection of tolls and other fees and charges for the use of the Turnpike and other public highways, to the extent such waiver may be needed to provide emergency assistance or facilitate the evacuation of the affected counties;

2) Manage the flow of traffic or close any and all roads, highways, and portions of highways as may be needed for the safe and efficient transportation of evacuees to those counties

that the State Coordinating Officer may designate as destination counties for evacuees in this emergency;

3) Suspend enforcement of the registration requirements pursuant to section 316.545(4), Florida Statutes, for commercial motor vehicles that enter Florida to provide emergency services or supplies, to transport emergency equipment, supplies or personnel, or to transport FEMA mobile homes or office style mobile homes into or from Florida;

4) Waive by special permit the warning signal requirements in the Utility Accommodations Manual to accommodate public utility companies from other jurisdictions which render assistance in restoring vital services; and

5) Waive the size and weight restrictions for divisible loads on any vehicles transporting emergency equipment, services, supplies, and agricultural commodities and citrus as recommended by the Commissioner of Agriculture, allowing the establishment of alternate size and weight restrictions for all such vehicles for the duration of the emergency. The DOT shall issue permits and such vehicles shall be subject to such special conditions as the DOT may endorse on any such permits.

Nothing in this Executive Order shall be construed to allow any vehicle to exceed weight limits posted for bridges and like structures, or relieve any vehicle or the carrier, owner, or driver of any vehicle from compliance with any restrictions other than those specified in this Executive Order, or from any statute, rule, order, or other legal requirement not specifically waived or suspended herein or by supplemental order by the State Coordinating Officer.

F. The Executive Director of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) may:

1) Suspend enforcement of the registration requirements pursuant to sections 316.545(4) and 320.0715, Florida Statutes, for commercial motor vehicles that enter Florida to

provide emergency services or supplies, to transport emergency equipment, supplies or personnel, or to transport FEMA mobile homes or office style mobile homes into or from Florida;

2) Waive the hours-of-service requirements for such vehicles;

3) Suspend the enforcement of the licensing and registration requirements under the International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) pursuant to chapter 207, Florida Statutes, and the International Registration Plan (IRP) pursuant to section 320.0715, Florida Statutes, for motor carriers or drivers operating commercial motor vehicles that are properly registered in other jurisdictions and that are participating in emergency relief efforts through the transportation of equipment and supplies or providing other assistance in the form of emergency services;

4) Waive fees for duplicate or replacement vessel registration certificates, vessel title certificates, vehicle license plates, vehicle registration certificates, vehicle tag certificates, vehicle title certificates, handicapped parking permits, replacement drivers' licenses, and replacement identification cards and to waive the additional fees for the late renewal of or application for such licenses, certificates, and documents due to the effects of adverse weather conditions; and

5) Defer administrative actions and waive fees imposed by law for the late renewal or application for the above licenses, certificates, and documents, which were delayed due to the effects of adverse weather conditions, including in counties wherein the DHSMV has closed offices, or any office of the County Tax Collector that acts on behalf of the DHSMV to process renewals has closed offices due to adverse weather conditions. Recordkeeping and other applicable requirements for existing IFTA and IRP licensees and registrants are not affected by this Executive Order. The DHSMV shall promptly notify the State Coordinating Officer when the waiver is no longer necessary.

G. In accordance with section 465.0275(2), Florida Statutes, pharmacists may dispense up to a 30-day emergency prescription refill of maintenance medication to persons who reside in an area or county covered under this Executive Order and to emergency personnel who have been activated by their state or local agency but who do not reside in an area or county covered by this Executive Order. In accordance with section 465.019(4)(b), Florida Statutes, a hospital that operates a Class II or Class III institutional pharmacy located in an area or county covered under this Executive Order may prescribe and dispense a supply of medicinal drug lasting up to 72 hours.

H. All state agencies responsible for the use of state buildings and facilities may close such buildings and facilities in those portions of the State affected by this emergency, to the extent necessary to meet this emergency. I direct each state agency to report the closure of any State building or facility to the WebEOC system utilized by the Division of Emergency Management. Under the authority contained in section 252.36, Florida Statutes, I direct each county to report the closure of any building or facility operated or maintained by the county or any political subdivision on a daily basis to the WebEOC system. Furthermore, I direct the Secretary of the Department of Management Services to:

- 1) Maintain an accurate and up-to-date list of all such closures; and
- 2) Provide that list daily to the State Coordinating Officer.

I. All State agencies may abrogate the time requirements, notice requirements, and deadlines for final action on applications for permits, licenses, rates, and other approvals under any statutes or rules under which such application are deemed to be approved unless disapproved in writing by specified deadlines. All such time requirements that have not yet expired as of the date of this Executive Order are suspended and tolled to the extent necessary to meet this emergency.

J. All agencies shall implement Selected Exempt Services (SES) Extraordinary Payment Plans and Career Service Regular Compensatory Leave Payment Plans for:

1) All essential agency personnel who are required to work extraordinary hours when state-owned or state-operated facilities are closed in response to an emergency condition. Employees who are eligible to receive extraordinary pay under the agency's activated plan shall accrue special compensatory leave credits for work performed during facility closures up to the number of hours in the employee's established workday. For these employees, any additional time worked beyond the employee's established workday during facility closures will result in extraordinary pay;

2) All agency personnel who are assigned to the State Emergency Operations Center and are required to work extraordinary hours; and

3) All agency personnel who are deployed throughout the state in response to an emergency condition and are required to work extraordinary hours.

K. All State agencies may waive the forty-day time limit to issue a warrant pursuant to section 215.422(3)(b), Florida Statutes. This waiver applies to invoices and reimbursement requests arising from this emergency that were received, inspected, and approved by the agency prior to the expiration of this Executive Order, including any extension thereof. This waiver of section 215.422(3)(b), Florida Statutes, and all waivers based upon this waiver shall expire upon the expiration of this Executive Order, including any extension thereof.

L. The provisions of section 934.50, Florida Statutes, excluding subsection (4), are waived for state and local agencies conducting emergency operations arising from the state of emergency for the limited purpose of capturing aerial evidence concerning the amount of damage sustained to private and public property; to assist in search, rescue, and recovery activities; and prevent imminent danger to life or serious damage to property.

Section 5. All public facilities, including elementary and secondary schools, community colleges, state universities, and other facilities owned or leased by the state, regional or local governments that are suitable for use as public shelters shall be made available at the request of the local emergency management agencies to ensure the proper reception and care of all evacuees. Under the authority contained in section 252.36, Florida Statutes, I direct the Superintendent of each public-school district in the State of Florida to report the closure of any school within its district to the Commissioner of the Florida Department of Education. Furthermore, I direct the Commissioner of the Department of Education to:

- A. Maintain an accurate and up-to-date list of all such closures; and
- B. Provide that list daily to the State Coordinating Officer.

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Section 6. I find that the demands placed upon funds specifically appropriated to state and local agencies for disaster relief or response are unreasonably great and that such funds may be inadequate to pay the costs of coping with this emergency. In accordance with section 252.37(2), Florida Statutes, I direct that sufficient funds be made available, as needed, by transferring and expending moneys from the Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund.

Section 7. All state agencies entering emergency orders, emergency rules, or other emergency actions in response to this emergency shall advise the State Coordinating Officer contemporaneously or as soon as practicable thereafter, and, pursuant to section 252.36(3)(b), Florida Statutes, shall submit the order or declaration to the Division of Administrative Hearings within five (5) days of issuance.

Section 8. Medical professionals and workers, social workers, and counselors with good and valid professional licenses issued by states other than the State of Florida may render such services in Florida during this emergency for persons affected by this emergency with the condition that such services be rendered to such persons free of charge, and with the further

condition that such services be rendered under the auspices of the American Red Cross or the Florida Department of Health.

Section 9. Pursuant to section 501.160, Florida Statutes, it is unlawful and a violation of section 501.204, Florida Statutes, for a person to rent or sell or offer to rent or sell at an unconscionable price within the area for which the state of emergency is declared, any essential commodity including, but not limited to, supplies, services, provisions, or equipment that is necessary for consumption or use as a direct result of the emergency.

Section 10. Under the authority contained in sections 252.36(6)(a), (g), and (m), Florida Statutes, I direct that, for the purposes of this emergency, the term “essentials”, as defined by section 252.359(2), Florida Statutes, shall be the same as and no more expansive than the term “commodity”, as defined by section 501.160(1)(a), Florida Statutes (hereinafter referred to collectively or alternatively as “essential commodities”). Accordingly, any person who delivers essential commodities to a location in the area(s) declared to be under a state of emergency by this Executive Order, and when necessary to ensure that those commodities are made available to the public, may travel within evacuated areas and exceed curfews, provided the State Coordinating Officer determines, after consultation with the appropriate Emergency Support Function(s), that:

A. Law enforcement officials in the declared area(s) can provide adequate security to protect the essential commodities from theft;

B. The weight of a delivery vehicle will not jeopardize the structural integrity of any roadway or bridge located within the declared area;

C. Delivery vehicles will not negatively impact evacuation activities in the declared area(s); and

D. Delivery vehicles will not negatively impact any response or recovery activities occurring within the declared area(s).

After consulting with the appropriate Emergency Support Function(s), and after consulting with local officials, the State Coordinating Officer may dictate the routes of ingress, egress, and movement within the declared area(s) that drivers must follow when delivering essential commodities.

Provided he or she is actually delivering medications, any person authorized to deliver medications under chapter 893, Florida Statutes, qualifies as a person delivering essential commodities.

In order to qualify as a person delivering essential commodities under this section, a person must be in the process of delivering essential commodities only. If an individual is transporting both essential and non-essential commodities, then this section shall not provide any authorization for that individual to enter into or move within the declared area(s).

Section 11. Consistent with Executive Order 80-29, nothing in this Executive Order shall prevent local jurisdictions in any area not declared to be under a state of emergency by this Executive Order from taking prompt and necessary action to save lives and protect the property of their citizens, including the authority to compel and direct timely evacuation when necessary.

Section 12. I authorize the Florida Housing Finance Corporation to distribute funds pursuant to section 420.9073, Florida Statutes, to any county, municipality, or other political subdivision located within the area(s) declared to be under a state of emergency by this Executive Order. The authority of the Florida Housing Finance Corporation to distribute funds in connection with this emergency shall expire six months after the expiration of this Executive Order, including any extension thereof.

Section 13. Pursuant to sections 252.36(6)(b) and 252.35(2)(z), Florida Statutes, it is further ordered that all Disaster Debris Management Sites and landfills in all counties impacted by Hurricane Helene shall remain open and allow twenty-four-hour debris drop off.



Section 14. All actions taken by the Director of the Division of Emergency Management with respect to this emergency before the issuance of this Executive Order are ratified.

Section 15. This Executive Order is effective immediately and shall expire sixty (60) days from this date unless extended.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 5th day of October, 2024.

  
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RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

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