



# City of Keystone Heights

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**City of Keystone Heights  
City Council EMERGENCY MEETING  
Monday, August 21, at 5:30 pm  
City Council Room  
555 S. Lawrence Blvd., Keystone Heights FL**

1. Roll Call – City Manager
2. Public Comment
3. [Resolution 2023-08 Local State of Emergency for Idalia](#)

**RESOLUTION 2023-08**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, FLORIDA DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY; ADOPTING EXECUTIVE ORDER 23-172, ISSUED BY THE GOVERNOR OF FLORIDA; PROVIDING DIRECTION TO THE CLERK; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Florida and the City of Keystone Heights are experiencing an imminent threat of personal injury and property damage due to Tropical Storm Idalia, which is expected to become a hurricane, approaching Florida and the City of Keystone Heights area; and

**WHEREAS**, Tropical Storm Idalia poses a potentially serious and imminent threat to the City of Keystone Heights area, based upon the potential to create high winds and excessive rainfall which may pose a serious threat to public health and safety, and cause serious flooding, and property damage within the City of Keystone Heights; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of State of Florida has issued Executive Orders Numbered 23-171 and 23-172, declaring that a State of Emergency exists throughout the State of Florida, including the City of Keystone Heights as a result of the imminent threat of injury and damage from Tropical Storm Idalia; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Keystone Heights must take timely emergency measures, because of the heightened potential for injury or damage to life and property within the City, and the length of time required to evacuate residents from the hazards of a tropical storm or hurricane; and

**WHEREAS**, the margin of error of the National Hurricane Center’s meteorological forecast does not allow for confident prediction of the location of Tropical Storm Idalia relative to the time period required to complete an evacuation of the City of Keystone Heights; and

**WHEREAS**, certain additional specialized equipment and personnel may be required to assist in evacuation and to take protective action with regard to life and property; and

**WHEREAS**, other measures may have to be taken in order to mitigate the potential for causing further threatening conditions as well as extensive damage to public utilities, public buildings, public communication systems, public streets and roads, public drainage systems, commercial and residential buildings and areas; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, authorizes a political subdivision such as the City of Keystone Heights to declare a local state of emergency.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, FLORIDA:**

**Section 1. Declaration of State of Local Emergency.**

1. The imminent approach of Tropical Storm Idalia, along with anticipated heavy rainfall, high wind speeds and flooding poses a serious threat to the health, safety, and welfare of people and property of the City of Keystone Heights, Florida, and that a state of local emergency is hereby declared, effective immediately, for the City of Keystone Heights, Florida.
2. The evacuation of areas or zones so determined by the City Manager as an evacuation area or zone may be ordered by the City Manager.
3. A. The City Manager is hereby authorized to:
  - i. Determine whether any specific areas or zones of the City of Keystone Heights are to be evacuated;
  - ii. Order the evacuation of all persons from all areas of the City of Keystone Heights designated as evacuation zones;
  - iii. Direct the sequence in which such evacuations shall be carried out, including the time any evacuations are to begin, as well as the time such evacuations are to be completed; and
  - iv. Regulate the movement of persons and traffic to, from, or within any location in the City of Keystone Heights to the extent needed to cope with this emergency.
4. Any evacuation order issued by the City Manager shall be in writing; immediately disseminated by all practical means so as to inform the public in the effective area; filed with the Clerk to the City Council; and attached to and become part of this Resolution. An Order of Evacuation shall become effective upon execution by the City Manager. The City Manager shall have the authority to amend, rescind, or terminate any evacuation order.
5. The City Manager is hereby empowered and authorized to waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the City by law or Ordinance pertaining to any action designated in Section 252.38, Florida Statute.
6. The City Manager is further empowered to carry out all emergency responsibilities delegated by the Governor to the political subdivisions of the State.
7. All State and/or local business licenses, vendors, merchants, and any other person operating a retain business in the City of Keystone Heights, are hereby prohibited from charging more than the normal average retail price, for any goods, materials, or services sold during the duration or any extension of the declaration of emergency.
8. State of Florida Executive Orders Numbered 23-171 and 23-172, attached hereto, are hereby adopted and incorporated herein.

**Section 2. Direction to Clerk.**

The City Clerk shall record this Resolution in the Public Records of the City of Keystone Heights, Florida and shall transmit a certified copy to the Clay County Property Appraiser.

**Section 3. Effective Date and Extension.**

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption and shall remain in effect for seven (7) days unless extended or rescinded by the City Council of the City of Keystone Heights.

The City Council for the City of Keystone Heights recognizes the circumstances and conditions which necessitate the foregoing Resolution may extend beyond seven (7) days, and therefore, the City Council for the City of Keystone Heights hereby authorizes the Mayor to extend the local State of Emergency in her sole discretion. Any subsequent extension shall be reported to the City Council for the City of Keystone Heights at the following regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

**DULY ADOPTED AND RESOLVED** with a quorum present and voting, by the City Council of the City of Keystone Heights, Florida in emergency session, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023.

**CITY OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, FLORIDA**

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Christine Thompson, Vice-Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Lynn Rutkowski, City Manager

# STATE OF FLORIDA

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 23-172

(Amending Executive Order 23-171, Emergency Management – Tropical Storm Idalia)

**WHEREAS**, on August 26, 2023, I issued Executive Order 23-171, declaring a state of emergency for several counties in Florida due to the dangers presented by Invest 93L, a broad area of low pressure off the west coast of Central America; and

**WHEREAS**, as of 11:00 PM EDT on August 27, 2023, Invest 93L strengthened into Tropical Storm Idalia, with maximum sustained winds of 60 miles per hour and is moving north-northeast towards the southeastern Gulf of Mexico; and

**WHEREAS**, as of 5:00 AM EDT on August 28, 2023, Tropical Storm Idalia was approximately 124 miles south of the westernmost point of Cuba; and

**WHEREAS**, Tropical Storm Idalia is forecasted to become a major hurricane before making landfall along areas of the Florida Gulf Coast and portions of the Florida Panhandle; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Division of Emergency Management, working together with the National Hurricane Center to evaluate weather predictions, has determined that there is a continuing risk of dangerous storm surge, heavy rainfall, flash flooding, strong winds, hazardous seas, and isolated tornadic activity for the Florida Peninsula and portions of the Florida Big Bend; and

**WHEREAS**, the threat posed by Tropical Storm Idalia requires that timely precautions must be taken to protect the communities, critical infrastructure, and general welfare of the people of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, as the 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 23-171 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, Bay, Bradford, Calhoun, Charlotte, Citrus, Clay, Collier, Columbia, DeSoto, Dixie, Duval, Flagler, Franklin, Gadsden, Gilchrist, Gulf, Hamilton, Hardee, Hernando, Hillsborough, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lake, Lee, Leon, Levy, Liberty, Madison, Manatee, Marion, Nassau, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Putnam, Sarasota, Seminole, St. Johns, Sumter, Suwannee, Taylor, Union, Volusia, and Wakulla Counties.

Section 2. Except as amended herein, Executive Order 23-171 is ratified and reaffirmed.

Section 3. This Executive Order is effective immediately and shall expire upon the expiration of Executive Order 23-171.

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 28th day of August, 2023.



  
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RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
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SECRETARY OF STATE

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE, FL

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