

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER #1 - ORDERING MANDATORY EVACUATION
AND THE OPENING OF PUBLIC SHELTERS
INVEST 97L, NOW POTENTIAL TROPICAL CYCLONE NINE (September 2024)**

WHEREAS, on September 23, 2024, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 24-208 declaring a state of emergency for several Florida counties, including Levy County, related to the anticipated effects of Potential Tropical Cyclone Nine (the “Storm”), and on September 24, 2024, the Governor issued Executive Order Number 24-209 amending Executive Order 24-208 (collectively, the “Governor’s Orders”);

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted in Chapter 30 of the Code of Ordinances of Levy County, Florida (the “Code”), on September 23, 2024, the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners (the “Chair”) issued Emergency Declaration Number 2024-64 declaring a Local State of Emergency in Levy County due to the Storm and authorizing the County Manager and designee(s) to take all necessary emergency action; and

WHEREAS, likewise, this Administrative Order is issued by the Chair who, in consultation with the County Emergency Management Director and the County Manager, finds it necessary to order mandatory evacuation in certain circumstances/areas and the opening of public shelters for the preservation of life, property and/or for emergency mitigation, response, and/or recovery.

NOW THEREFORE, the Chair orders:

1. **Mandatory evacuation**, to commence immediately and be completed by 6 p.m. on Wednesday, September 25, 2024, of persons residing in:
 - recreational vehicle parks throughout the County, and to the maximum extent possible, the recreational vehicles shall be removed from the County;
 - mobile homes and manufactured homes throughout the County;
 - coastal communities in the County; and
 - low lying areas throughout the County.

2. **Opening of the following public shelters** commencing at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, September 25, 2024:
 - Special Needs Shelter: Bronson Elementary School, 400 Ishie Ave, Bronson, FL
 - General Population Shelter: Bronson Middle High School (Pet friendly), 351 Ishie Ave, Bronson, FL
 - General Population Shelter: Williston Middle High School (no pets), 350 Robert Philpot Way, Williston, FL

Any person violating an emergency order of the County is subject to the penalties contained in Sec. 30-37 of the County Code and Section 252.50, Florida Statutes.

This Administrative Order #1 is issued on September 24, 2024.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Desiree Mills, Chair

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