

RESOLUTION 06-2025

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GULF BREEZE, FLORIDA DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO JANUARY WINTER WEATHER EVENT

WHEREAS, the weather system identified by the National Weather Center as poses a serious threat to the residents and property of the City of Gulf Breeze, Florida, and to the City-owned property of the Gulf Breeze Regional Water System (“GBRWS”) and the residents outside the City limits served by the GBRWS; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gulf Breeze has been informed by Santa Rosa County emergency management staff of the imminent threat posed by, "January Winter Weather Storm"; and

WHEREAS, January Winter Weather Storm poses a significant, imminent, and dangerous threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants, visitors and tourists of the City of Gulf Breeze in Santa Rosa County, Florida, as well as their real and personal property; and

WHEREAS, Florida Governor DeSantis has issued a Declaration of Emergency Executive Order Number 25-13, by virtue of the authority in Article IV, Section 1(a) of the Florida Constitution and by the Florida Emergency Management Act, as amended, and all other applicable laws, due to the imminent danger of hazardous winter weather and related severe weather conditions; and

WHEREAS, Santa Rosa County has declared a Local State of Emergency due to the imminent danger of hazardous winter weather and related severe weather conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Gulf Breeze has conferred with the City Manager and has been informed of risks facing the City and considered whether or not to declare a state of local emergency; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Mayor of the City of Gulf Breeze, under the authority granted by pursuant to Section 2-37 of the City Code of Ordinances, hereby resolves, finds, and declares that effective January 21, 2025, 8:00 am CDT, until further action by the Mayor or the City Council of the City of Gulf Breeze, as follows:

1. The above recitals are true and are incorporated herein.
2. In light of the serious threat to the residents and property of the City of Gulf Breeze and to the City-owned property of the Gulf Breeze Regional Water System and the residents outside the City limits served by GBRWS, a state of local emergency is hereby declared in the City of Gulf Breeze.
3. The Mayor hereby waives the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the City of Gulf Breeze pertaining to:

- a. Performance of public work and taking whatever prudent action is necessary to insure the health, safety, and welfare of the community.
 - 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.
 - h. Appropriation and expenditure of public funds.
4. The City Manager, or her designee, is hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to exercise, on behalf of the City, such emergency powers adopted by the City in its Disaster Emergency Response Plan and such emergency powers necessary to carry out the provisions of Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, including, but not limited to, the powers to direct and compel evacuation of all or part of the population from stricken or threatened areas within the City, if such action is deemed necessary to reduce the vulnerability of people in communities of the City of Gulf Breeze to damage, injury, and loss of life and property resulting from the imminent threat, as well as any other powers expressly or implicitly conferred pursuant to Chapters 166 and 252, Florida Statutes, and any other provision of law or City ordinance.
 5. The City's Disaster Emergency Response Plan is hereby activated.
 6. This Resolution shall be transmitted to the Administrator of Santa Rosa County and the Secretary of State upon adoption.
 7. This authority shall extend only for the period of the state of local emergency as determined by the Mayor, or until further action by the City Council terminates such authority or declares that the state of local emergency has ended.
 8. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF JANUARY, 2025.

CITY OF GULF BREEZE, FLORIDA



J.B. SCHLUTER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



LESLIE A. GUYER, CMC, CITY CLERK

