

EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 2022-16

ORDER TERMINATING EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 2022-07 RELATING TO THE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF WATER AND WASTEWATER LATE PAYMENT FEES AND SHUTOFFS AND BACKFLOW PREVENTER TESTING AND REPLACEMENT DEADLINES

WHEREAS, on September 23, 2022, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 22-218, declaring a state of emergency in Brevard, Broward, Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Hillsborough, Indian River, Lee, Manatee, Martin, Miami Dade, Monroe, Okeechobee, Osceola, Palm Beach, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Sarasota, and St. Lucie Counties; and

WHEREAS, on September 24, 2022, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 22-219, amending Executive Order Number 22-218 to declare a state of emergency in the entire State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes Section 252.38(3)(a) gives authority to public subdivisions to declare and enact a state of local emergency for a period of up to seven (7) days and to take certain measures that are in the interest of the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, on September 25, 2022, the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida adopted Ordinance No. 2022-30, declaring a state of local emergency due to Hurricane Ian; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2022-30 conferred on the City Manager or designee the power and authority set forth in Florida Statutes Section 252.38(3)(a); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Florida Statutes Section 252.46, the City Manager has the power to issue emergency orders with the force of the law; and

WHEREAS, on October 13, 2022, the City Manager issued Emergency Order No. 2022-07, temporarily waiving certain water and wastewater fees; and

WHEREAS, unpaid water and wastewater bills will become delinquent thirty (30) days following the termination of Emergency Order No. 2022-07; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has determined that a waiver of these water and wastewater fees are not required at this time to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community.

THEREFORE, IN HIS EMERGENCY AUTHORITY, THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA ORDERS:

- 1. Late and/or delinquent water and wastewater processing fees not charged because of Emergency Order No. 2022-07 shall become due thirty (30) days from the effective date of this order.
- 2. Emergency Order No. 2022-07 is hereby terminated.

This order is effective immediately.

ORDERED ON AND FILED WITH THE CLERK OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA ON NOVEMBER 2, 2022 AT 1:39 A.M./P.M. BY

A. JEROME FLETCHER II, ICMA-CM, MPA

CITY MANAGER