



GROVER C. ROBINSON, IV
Mayor

CITY OF PENSACOLA

DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY 20-04

WHEREAS, section 2-4-8 of the Code of the City of Pensacola authorizes the Mayor to take such emergency measures as he determines necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Pensacola; and

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Sally currently is located in the Gulf of Mexico about 130 miles south of Pensacola; and

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Sally is anticipated to strengthen to a hurricane later today (September 14, 2020) before making landfall likely near the Louisiana-Mississippi boarder; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that Tropical Storm Sally will bring very heavy rainfall, tropical storm force wind gusts, minor storm surge, and isolated tornadoes to Escambia County and the City of Pensacola; and

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Sally is moving slowly, is strengthening, and could turn more northward sooner than currently anticipated.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Grover C. Robinson, IV, by the authority vested in me pursuant to Florida law and Section 2-4-8 of the Code of the City of Pensacola, and all other applicable laws, do hereby declare as follows:

Section 1. The above recitals are true, correct, and incorporated herein.

Section 2. As a result and consequence of the continuing threats to the public health, safety, and welfare, both public and private, in the City of Pensacola caused by Tropical Storm Sally, a state of emergency exists and is in effect beginning Monday, September 14, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. central daylight time.

Section 3. Pursuant to City Code section 2-4-8 and within the limits of the federal and state laws and constitutions, the Mayor hereby authorizes and directs the following:

- a. Take such emergency measures as determined necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens and to ensure the continued functioning of local government.
- b. Exercise such emergency management powers granted to political subdivisions by Florida law.
- c. Alter normal work schedules and grant the nonessential work force time off with pay.
- d. Determine which employees are deemed essential during this emergency.
- e. Pay essential employees, both non-exempt and certain ranges of exempt under the Fair Labor Standards Act, at overtime rates when required to report for duty during the time the remaining work force is not required to report.
- f. Waive or suspend all ordinances, policies, procedures, or customs of the city as the Mayor determines necessary for purchase of commodities and services, for contracts of no more than one (1) year duration, for the assignment of employees, and for the facilitation of reconstruction and repair, both public and private, as the determined necessary.
- g. Delegate such powers to staff as determined necessary to the effective administration of the government of the City of Pensacola.

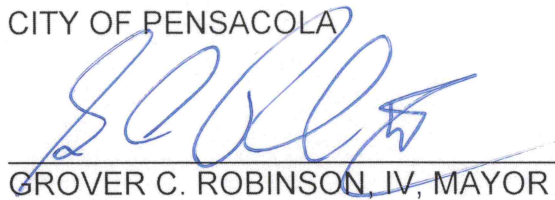
Section 3. The City Administrator or his designee is hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to exercise on behalf of the Mayor, such emergency powers necessary to carry out the provisions of this declaration, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, as well as any other powers expressly or implicitly conferred pursuant to other law or ordinance.

Section 4. The City Administrator's exercise of authority pursuant to this order shall exist for a period of seven (7) days from the date of this order.

Section 5. This declaration shall expire in seven (7) days from the date of this order unless extended or shortened by action of the City Council.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand this 14th day of September, 2020.

CITY OF PENSACOLA

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Grover C. Robinson, IV", is written over a horizontal line.

GROVER C. ROBINSON, IV, MAYOR