

Notice of Teleconferencing of Special/ Emergency Town Commission Meeting of 7/31/2020

Based upon guidance issued by the President of the United States, by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Executive Orders issued by the Governor of the State of Florida, seating for the Special/ Emergency Town Commission meeting of the Town of Ocean Ridge shall be limited based on social distancing guidelines. Based on these restrictions, the Town will be holding the meeting in-person, with the additional option of attending by teleconference for those that are unable to attend in-person.

DATE AND TIME: Friday, July 31, 2020 at 1:30 P.M.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Town of Ocean Ridge will meet for the purpose of declaring a State of Emergency for Hurricane ISAIS.

A copy of the agenda & the package may be obtained by contacting the Town Clerk at:

karmstrong@oceanridgeflorida.com.

PLACE: The meeting will be held at the physical access point of Town Hall, 6450 N. Ocean Blvd, Ocean Ridge, FL and [GotoMeeting.com](https://www.gotomeeting.com). Due to COVID-19 social distancing requirements, seating at the physical access point will be limited. The Town of Ocean Ridge will provide for additional public participation through [GotoMeeting.com](https://www.gotomeeting.com), a communication media technology (teleconference). Interested persons may attend by using the following information:

- **Please join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.**
<https://www.gotomeet.me/OceanRidge/special-emergency-town-commission-meeting-for-hurr>
- **You can also dial in using your phone.** United States: [+1 \(646\) 749-3122](tel:+16467493122) and **Access Code:** 318-311-621
- Download the application (App) by clicking: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/318311621>

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Persons who can access the meeting by teleconference using a computer with speaker capabilities or through a smart phone application (app) can provide public comment by typing their name in the chat box along with the agenda item they would like to speak about. When public comment is called by the Mayor during each agenda item, the Town Clerk will unmute each person, in the order received, that have placed their name in the chat box, and ask them to speak at that time.

Persons that are unable to attend the meeting by teleconference may submit public comments by utilizing the following options:

1. Email the Town Clerk at karmstrong@oceanridgeflorida.com by July 31, 2020 at 1:15 p.m. The email must contain exactly what is to be read out loud at the meeting (3 minute limit). The Town Clerk will respond to the email if it has been received. If you do not receive a response email from the Town Clerk, assume that it was not received and follow up with a phone call to Town Hall at 561-732-2635. The Town Clerk will read the public comment into the record when the item is taken up.
2. Call Town Hall at 561-732-2635 either before or during the meeting. Tell Town Hall Staff which agenda item you would like to submit a comment on, and submit your comments to them (3 minute limit). Town Hall staff will notify the Town Clerk of the public comment, and the Town Clerk will read the public comment into the record when the item is taken up.

TIPS FOR VIRTUAL MEETINGS:

TRY TO USE ONE DEVICE. Do not attend the meeting by using both the computer and telephone at the same time, as you will experience feedback with a strong echo, and will not be able to hear the participants of the meeting properly.

MUTE YOUR PHONE. If you are attending by telephone or computer. Those that do not mute their phones can cause disruptions into the meeting, as everyone attending the meeting could hear what is happening in your home, your car, or wherever you are calling from.

DO NOT UNMUTE YOURSELF. If you are attending by the Gotomeeting application or a computer, please do not unmute yourself. The Town Clerk will unmute persons after public comment is called by the Mayor. If you have physically muted your phone, please unmute only after public comment is called for and Town Clerk has alerted the public to unmute. After you have made your public comment, make sure to mute your phone again.

THE INFORMATION IN THE CHAT BOX IS A PUBLIC RECORD. Please keep in mind that all comments in the chat box become a public record after the meeting.

CALL TOWN HALL IF EXPERIENCING TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES. Town Hall phones will be available for persons to call if they are experiencing any technical difficulties or any issues getting into the call. Please call 561-732-2635.

We would like to thank everyone for continuing to work with us as we navigate through this unprecedented times. Town Commission Meetings and Board Meetings will allow in-person attendance with limited seating, and the virtual meeting will be an additional resource to keep the public as informed as possible.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The recording of the meeting along with the action item summary sheet will be made available to the public the following day.

Please be aware that Communications Media Technologies as a tool for meeting communication is permitted through Executive Order Number 20-69 issued by Governor DeSantis, which was extended. To view the executive order or obtain more information, please call Town Hall at 561-732-2635.

Consistent with section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Town Commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Persons who need an accommodation in order to attend or participate in this meeting should contact the Town Clerk at (561) 732-2635 at least 5 days prior to the meeting in order to request such assistance.

**TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE
TOWN COMMISSION SPECIAL/EMERGENCY MEETING
AGENDA**



July 31, 2020

1: 30 P.M.

TOWN HALL – MEETING CHAMBERS

TOWN COMMISSION

Mayor de Haseth

Commissioner Philip Besler

Vice Mayor Steve Coz

Commissioner Susan Hurlburt

Commissioner Wiescholek

ADMINISTRATION

Town Manager Tracey L. Stevens

Town Attorney R. Brian Shutt

Town Clerk Karla Armstrong

Police Chief Hal C. Hutchins

RULES FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** The public is encouraged to offer comments with the order of presentation being as follows: Town Staff, public comments, Commission discussion and official action. Town Commission meetings are business meetings and the right to limit discussion rests with the Commission. **Generally, remarks by an individual will be limited to one time up to three minutes or less regarding any single item on the agenda.** The Mayor or presiding officer has discretion to adjust the amount of time allocated.
 - A. Public Hearings: Any citizen is entitled to speak on items under this section.
 - B. Public Comments: Any citizen is entitled to be heard concerning any matter within the scope of jurisdiction of the commission under this section. The Commission may withhold comment or direct the Town Manager to take action on requests or comments. The Commission meetings are held for the purpose of discussing and establishing policy and to review such other issues that affect the general welfare of the Town and its residents. Where possible individual grievances should first be taken up with the Town Staff.
 - C. Regular Agenda and First Reading Items: When extraordinary circumstances or reasons exist and at the discretion of the Commission, citizens may speak on any official agenda item under these sections.
2. **ADDRESSING THE COMMISSION:** At the appropriate time, please step up to the podium and state your name and address for the record. All comments must be addressed to the Commission as a body and not to individuals. Any person making impertinent or slanderous remarks or who becomes boisterous while addressing the Commission shall be barred by the presiding officer from speaking further, unless permission to continue or again address the Commission is granted by a majority vote of the Commission members present.

APPELLATE PROCEDURES

Please be advised that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Town Commission with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, such person will need to ensure that a verbatim record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based. The Town neither provides nor prepares such record.

Persons who need an accommodation in order to attend or participate in this meeting should contact the Town Clerk at (561) 732-2635 at least 2 days prior to the meeting in order to request such assistance.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution No. 2020-17: Resolution of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, Declaring a State of Emergency Within the Town of Ocean Ridge.

ADJOURNMENT

**NEXT SCHEDULED TOWN MEETING(S):
SPECIAL TOWN COMMISSION MEETING AUGUST 3, 2020 AT 2:00 PM
REGULAR TOWN COMMISSION MEETING AUGUST 3, 2020 AT 6:00 PM**

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-17

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE, FLORIDA, DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY WITHIN THE TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, on July 31, 2020, the National Hurricane Center advised that Hurricane Isaias was moving toward South Florida; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County issued a State of Emergency on July 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission anticipates that Governor DeSantis may declare a State of Emergency within the State of Florida due to Hurricane Isaias; and

WHEREAS, in anticipation of the declaration of a State of Emergency within the State of Florida due to Hurricane Isaias, and the State of Emergency issued by Palm Beach County, an emergency Town Commission meeting has been called for July 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, due to the timing issue mentioned above, this declaration of a State of Emergency within the Town of Ocean Ridge shall not go into effect until the State declares a State of Emergency, and the Town Manager and Chief of Police have determined that there is an impending chance that Hurricane Isaias will impact the town; and

WHEREAS, if the Town Manager and Chief of Police make such determination, the following declarations, duties and assignments as listed below shall be effective.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE, FLORIDA THAT:

Section 1. **Emergency Declared.** A State of Emergency exists within the Town of Ocean Ridge, Palm Beach County, Florida due to the effects of anticipated heavy rainfall, high tides, gale force winds, and flooding associated with Hurricane Isaias.

Section 2. **Duties authorized.** The Town Manager and the Police Chief are hereby authorized and directed to carry out their respective duties pursuant to the State, County and Town Emergency Management Plans and Ordinances, and to coordinate with all County, State and Federal Emergency Management authorities regarding the same in the event that a State of Emergency is declared by the Governor of the State of Florida.

Section 3. **Employee Assignment.** Employees working under this Town Emergency Declaration as authorized and directed to carry out their respective duties, are eligible for full storm remunerations, where otherwise personnel policy partially exempts restricting same.

Section 4. This Resolution shall be effective upon adoption for a period of 7 days, unless extended or dissolved earlier.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner _____ who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____.

The Mayor thereupon declared this Resolution approved and adopted by the Town Commission of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, this 31st day of July, 2020.

TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE, FLORIDA

Kristine de Haseth, Mayor

Attest:

Karla Armstrong, Town Clerk