

**CITY OF SANIBEL
RESOLUTION 24-002**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SANIBEL, FLORIDA, PROVIDING TEMPORARY
RECIPROCITY FOR CERTAIN CONTRACTORS LICENSED AND REGISTERED WITH LEE
COUNTY, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, on September 26, 2022, the City Council of the City of Sanibel passed Resolution No. 22-054, declaring a State of Local Emergency, based upon the severe threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the City posed by Hurricane Ian; and

WHEREAS, the City's declaration followed similar declarations of emergency by Governor Ron DeSantis, President Joseph Biden, Jr., and the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County; and

WHEREAS, on the morning of September 27, 2022, Lee County issued a mandatory evacuation order, which included the entirety of the territory within the municipal limits of the City of Sanibel; and

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2022, Hurricane Ian made landfall in Lee County as a Category 4 hurricane, causing catastrophic property damage and loss of life; and

WHEREAS, damages directly impacting the City of Sanibel included widespread damage and destruction of infrastructure, public property, and private property; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 22 of the Sanibel Code of Ordinances authorizes and empowers the Mayor to issue public proclamations declaring a State of Local Emergency; and, during a state of emergency, impose certain prohibitions and restrictions to protect lives, safety, and property; and

WHEREAS, the City Council Resolution No. 22-054 declared an initial State of Local Emergency for a 7-day term, which State of Local Emergency has been extended continuously by Mayoral Proclamations since the initial issuance; and

WHEREAS, based upon the severity of the impacts of Hurricane Ian, extensions of the State of Local Emergency have been necessary and appropriate to maintain order and to safeguard property and the safety, health, and welfare throughout the City of Sanibel; and

WHEREAS, authorization for contractor licensing reciprocity with Lee County which has been in effect through Mayoral Proclamation remains in the best interests of the City, and continues to provide relief for those owners who suffered the most significant damages from Hurricane Ian; and

WHEREAS, approval of this resolution will ensure the continuation of such authorization through June 30, 2024, should the State of Local Emergency be lifted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANIBEL, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. Contractors licensed and registered with Lee County, Florida may apply and automatically be issued an identical license for the City of Sanibel through June 30, 2024, so long as they are and remain active and current in their standing with Lee County through June 30, 2024.

SECTION 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED IN OPEN AND REGULAR SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANIBEL, FLORIDA THIS 16TH DAY OF JANUARY 16, 2024.

Attest:

Scotty Lynn Kelly, City Clerk

Richard Johnson, Mayor

Approved as to form and legality:

John D. Agnew, City Attorney

Date filed with City Clerk: _____

Vote of Council Members:

Johnson	_____
Miller	_____
Henshaw	_____
Smith	_____