

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Press

FROM: Fredrick Piccolo Jr., Director of Communications, Governor Ron DeSantis

DATE: September 30, 2020

RE: Executive Order 20-246 (Local Government Public Meetings)
Executive Order 20-211 (Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief)

Local Government Public Meetings

Today, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-246.

The State of Florida recently entered Phase 3 of the Governor's plan for Florida's recovery from COVID-19. Executive Order 20-246 assists the transition to Phase 3 by providing local government bodies with an additional one-month period to conduct their meetings virtually. Local government bodies should prepare to meet in person as required by Florida law beginning November 1, 2020.

A copy of Executive Order 20-246 can be found [HERE](#) and provided below.

Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief

Today, Governor DeSantis permitted Executive Order 20-211 to expire.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently enacted a nationwide residential evictions Order that provides federal eviction relief to persons who submit a valid Declaration to their landlord regarding their inability to pay rent. Executive Order 20-211 had provided a limited, one-month extension of state eviction relief to persons affected by the COVID-19 emergency. Executive Order 20-211 pertaining to the State's mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief was permitted to expire to avoid any confusion over whether the CDC's evictions Order should apply in a particular circumstance. The CDC's evictions Order expires on December 31, 2020, unless extended.

A copy of the CDC's evictions Order is available [HERE](#).

A copy of the CDC's evictions Declaration is available [HERE](#).

Sincerely,

Fredrick Piccolo Jr.
Director of Communications
Governor Ron DeSantis

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 20-246

(Emergency Management – COVID 19 – Local Government Public Meetings)

WHEREAS, Executive Order 20-69, as extended by Executive Orders 20-112, 20-123, 20-139, 20-150 and amended by Executive Orders 20-179 and 20-193, expires on October 1, 2020, unless extended.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, as Governor of Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article IV, Section (1)(a) of the Florida Constitution, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and all other applicable laws, promulgate the following Executive Order to take immediate effect:

Section 1. I hereby extend Executive Order 20-69, as extended by Executive Orders 20-112, 20-123, 20-139, 20-150 and amended by Executive Orders 20-179 and 20-193, subject to the condition of Section 2 below, until 12:01 a.m. November 1, 2020. This order supersedes Section 4 of Executive Order 20-69.

Section 2. This order shall not apply to election canvassing boards.

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