



**Florida Department of Revenue**  
*Property Tax Oversight*

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SUBJECT: Rescheduling of Millage and Budget Hearings Because of Hurricane Dorian

DATE: August 30, 2019

On August 28, 2019, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order [19-189](#) in response to the threat of Hurricane Dorian and has declared a state of emergency. This order has been extended to include all Florida counties ([19-190](#)). Section 2 of the initial Executive Order suspends the effect of any statute, rule, or order to allow whatever mitigation, response, or recovery action necessary to cope with this emergency.

The Department of Revenue (Department) will soon issue an emergency order to implement the provisions of the Executive Order. The Department's emergency order will temporarily waive statutory timing requirements and provide additional specific requirements to local taxing authorities regarding their millage and budget hearings for any county directly affected by the storm. These laws affect the deadlines for the adoption and certification of non-ad valorem assessments and the scheduling requirements for millage and budget hearings.

If a hearing is cancelled, the taxing authority may post a notice of cancellation at the entrance of the meeting place, informing the public that the scheduled hearing has been cancelled. Any cancelled hearings must be rescheduled and the hearing advertised with the appropriate notice. Again, the Department's emergency order will provide guidance regarding rescheduling and placing the appropriate Truth in Millage (TRIM) advertisements.

Please direct any questions regarding this matter to [TRIM@floridarevenue.com](mailto:TRIM@floridarevenue.com).

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