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*Cross-references: Roads and bridges, ch. 98; traffic and vehicles, ch. 122.

I. Sec. 34-61. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

- **Approving authority means** in the case of the county, the division of emergency management of the department of civil emergency services, and in the case of a municipality, the municipal emergency management agency.
- **Comprehensive plan means** the Pinellas County Comprehensive Plan, duly adopted by the board of county commissioners on August 8, 1989, as approved by the state department of community affairs and effective on August 11, 1989.
- **Evacuation order means** an order issued by the county which mandates the evacuation of populations from identified risk areas.
- **Evacuation plan means** the plan prepared by a transient accommodation facility pursuant to section 34-66 of this article.

- **Evacuation routes means** streets, roads and highways designated by the county in its official hurricane survival guide as exit routes to be used by populations leaving identified risk areas.
- **Facility means** a transient accommodation facility.
- **Guest means** an individual who is renting or leasing accommodations at a transient accommodation facility.
- **Hurricane season means** the annual period of June 1 through November 30 established by the National Hurricane Center as the time during which the continental United States and Caribbean Basin are most vulnerable to the threat of hurricanes.
- **Shelters means** the primary and secondary public hurricane shelters of the American Red Cross in upper and south Pinellas County as listed in the natural disaster planning chapter, coastal management element of the comprehensive plan.
- **Transient accommodation facility means** any living quarters or accommodations offered for occupancy for a term of less than six months in any hotel, motel, apartment hotel/motel, multiunit apartment complex, roominghouse, mobile home park that provides more than 20 recreational vehicle spaces, recreational vehicle park, campground, or facility that offers timeshare or interval ownership.

(Ord. No. 90-87, § 2, 11-13-90)

Cross-references: Definitions generally, § 1-2.

II. Sec. 34-62. Penalty for violation of article.

Violations of this article are punishable as provided in section 1-8.

III. Sec. 34-63. Authority.

This article is enacted pursuant to Fla. Const. art. VIII, § 1(g), the Charter of Pinellas County, Florida, F.S. ch. 125, and the Pinellas County Comprehensive Plan.

(Ord. No. 90-87, § 1, 11-13-90)

IV. Sec. 34-64. Territory embraced.

This article shall be effective in the incorporated as well as the unincorporated areas of the county.

(Ord. No. 90-87, § 6, 11-13-90)

Charter references: Conflicts between county and municipal ordinances, §§ 2.01, 2.04.

V. Sec. 34-65. Evacuation plan required.

At the times specified in the immediately succeeding sentence, each transient accommodation facility located in the county shall prepare and submit to the appropriate approving authority an evacuation plan meeting the requirements of section 34-66 of this article.

In the case of any facility existing on or prior to February 1, 1991, such facility shall submit an evacuation plan no later than May 1, 1991; in the case of any facility commencing operations after February 1, 1991, such facility shall submit an evacuation plan within 90 days of the issuance of a certificate of occupancy.

Upon approval of an evacuation plan by the approving authority, the facility responsible for the plan shall make available to all its guests copies of the evacuation plan.

During the hurricane season, the facility shall give to each guest a copy of the evacuation plan at the time of registration with the facility.

(Ord. No. 90-87, § 3, 11-13-90)

VI. Sec. 34-66. Contents of evacuation plan.

An evacuation plan under this article shall describe methods for informing the staff and guests of the particular facility of the threat of approaching hurricanes and the procedures to be followed during evacuation. Such procedures shall include at a minimum:

- (1) Informing the staff and guests of the advantage of evacuation prior to the evacuation order;
- (2) Providing staff and guests with information about evacuation routes; and
- (3) Providing staff and guests with a list of shelters.

(Ord. No. 90-87, § 4, 11-13-90)