



St. Tammany Parish Government **OFFICE OF THE PARISH PRESIDENT**

Executive Order

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EXECUTIVE ORDER EXTENDING PHASE II OF THE RECOVERY PLAN AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS IN RESPONSE TO THE PARISH-WIDE STATE OF EMERGENCY AS PER THE LOUISIANA HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE AND DISASTER ACT, LA. REV. STAT. 29:721, *ET SEQ.*, AS TO CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19).

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, La. Rev. Stat. 29:721, *et seq.*, confers upon the Governor of the State of Louisiana and parish presidents emergency powers to prepare and cope with emergencies and disasters, including those caused by fire, flood, earthquake or other natural or manmade causes, in order to ensure that preparations will be adequate to cope with such emergencies or disasters and to preserve the lives and property of the people of the State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, when the Parish President determines that a disaster or emergency has occurred, or the threat thereof is imminent, La. Rev. Stat. 29:727 empowers him to declare a state of emergency by executive order or proclamation; and

WHEREAS, La. Rev. Stat. 29:727(F) authorizes the Parish President to, among other things, suspend the provision of any regulatory ordinance prescribing the procedures for conduct of local business, or the orders, rules, or regulations of any local agency, if strict compliance with the provisions of any ordinance, order, rule, or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency; and

WHEREAS, La. Rev. Stat. 29:727(F) further authorizes the Parish President to, among other things, control ingress and egress to and from the affected area, the movement of persons within the area, and the occupancy of premises therein; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 25 JBE 2020, which declared a public health emergency to exist in the State of Louisiana as a result of the imminent threat posed to Louisiana citizens by Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, the Parish President, Michael B. Cooper, on March 13, 2020, declared a parish-wide state of emergency due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 30 JBE 2020, which, among other things, ordered that all public gatherings of 50 or more persons be postponed or cancelled during the period from March 17, 2020 until April 13, 2020, due to the imminent threat posed to Louisiana citizens by COVID-19, closed certain business establishments, and limited access to restaurants and other dining establishments; and