



St. Tammany Parish Government **EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER**

Executive Order

Emergency Operations Center Contact: 985-898-2359

EXECUTIVE ORDER WAIVING APPLICABLE BUILDING PERMIT FEES AS PER THE LOUISIANA HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE AND DISASTER ACT, LA. REV. STAT. 29:721, ET SEQ., DUE TO THE EFFECTS OF HURRICANE IDA.

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 provisions 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, on August 26, 2021, Governor Edwards issued Executive Proclamation No. 165 JBE 2021 declaring a state of emergency as to the impending onset of the storm; and

WHEREAS, on August 27, 2021, Michael B. Cooper, as Parish President of St. Tammany Parish, issued an Executive Order declaring a state of emergency as to the storm; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Ida made landfall as a category 4 hurricane and caused extensive damage and life threatening conditions for southeast Louisiana, including St. Tammany Parish; and

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish Government, through Michael B. Cooper, as Parish President, is empowered to take all necessary measures to ensure the continued safety, health and welfare of the citizens of St. Tammany Parish, as per law; and,

WHEREAS, the building permit process is critical to the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of St. Tammany Parish by assuring that the repairs are performed according to all applicable regulations and in a timely manner. The documentation provided through the building permit process is also critical in providing evidence of repairs for insurance claims and similar reimbursements; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide the citizens of St. Tammany Parish the ability to begin the repair process to homes and structures immediately it is necessary to waive the requirement of payment of building permit fees for homes or structures damaged by the effects of Hurricane Ida. Waiving building permit fees will encourage citizens to begin the repair process, thus allowing a quicker return to their home and livelihood.



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IT IS ORDERED that pursuant the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, La. Rev. Stat. 29:721, *et seq.*, specifically La. Rev. Stat. 29:727(F)(1), the requirement of payment of all applicable building permit fees for homes and structures damaged due to the effects of Hurricane Ida is hereby waived and said fees are not to be collected; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all other requirements of the applicable building permits will remain in full effect, including but not limited to, the filing for permits, plan reviews, and inspections; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any person or entity who interrupts or interferes with the control of the Parish and/or Parish President shall be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Executive Order shall be effective from September 7, 2021 until November 30, 2021 unless terminated earlier by subsequent Executive Proclamation or Order.

At Mandeville, Louisiana, this 8th day of September 2021 at 9:00 A.m.

Michael B. Cooper
Parish President

NOTICE POSTED AT:

St. Tammany Parish web-page: stpgov.org
and
21490 Koop Drive, Mandeville, La.
and
510 E. Boston Street, Covington, La.
and
701 N. Columbia Street, Covington, La
and
520 Old Spanish Trail, Slidell, La

Sworn and subscribed before me,

(Notary Public)

On this 8th day of Sept, 2021.

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