



# St. Tammany Parish Government EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

## *Executive Order*

*Emergency Operations Center Contact: 985-898-2359*

**EXECUTIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING A PARISH-WIDE BURN BAN DUE TO EMERGENCY CONDITIONS CAUSED BY HURRICANE IDA AND IN CONNECTION WITH THE DECLARED STATE OF EMERGENCY AS PER THE LOUISIANA HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE AND DISASTER ACT, LA. REV. STAT. 29:721, ET SEQ.**

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)(2) authorizes the Parish President to, among other things, utilize all available resources of the local government as reasonably necessary to cope with the local disaster or emergency; and

WHEREAS, La. Rev. Stat. 29:727(F)(3) authorizes the Parish President to transfer the direction, personnel, or functions of local departments or agencies or units thereof for the purpose of performing or facilitating emergency services; 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 Hurricane Ida; 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 Hurricane Ida; and

WHEREAS, on September 1, 2021, the Office of the State Fire Marshal issued a burn ban in 22 parishes, including St. Tammany Parish; and

WHEREAS, due to the effects of Hurricane Ida, local fire protection districts are needed for emergency hurricane recovery efforts; and

WHEREAS, outdoor burning activities create a risk that fire protection district personnel and equipment will be diverted away from hurricane recovery efforts to respond to reports of fire or incidents caused by outdoor burning; and

WHEREAS, due to damage to water systems caused by Hurricane Ida, there may be inadequate water pressure for fire suppression needs; and

IT IS ORDERED that a Parish-wide ban on outdoor burning activities is hereby established, with the exception of barbeque grills and small, brief fire pits; prescribed burns by



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the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry; those trained and certified by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry; and, by those who conduct prescribed burning as a "generally accepted agriculture practice" as defined by the Louisiana Rights to Farm Law (LSA R.S. 3:3601, *et seq.*).

**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 the burn ban shall be effective from the signing of this Executive Order until fire protection district resources are not required for emergency hurricane response and adequate water pressure is restored, and the burn ban is terminated by subsequent Executive Proclamation or Order.

At Covington, Louisiana, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September 2021 at 11:30 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Sept. 2021.

  
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