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. R.S. 29:721 *ET SEQ.* AS TO THE EFFECTS OF MARCH 11, 2016 HEAVY RAIN EVENT.

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2016 St. Tammany Parish President, Patricia P. Brister, declared a parish-wide state of emergency due to the effects of a Heavy Rain Event; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the impact of the Heavy Rain Event, Patricia P. Brister, as Parish President of St. Tammany Parish, heretofore invokes all rights and duties afforded her under Louisiana Revised Statute 29:721 *et seq.* and all other applicable statutes and regulations, until further notice; and

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish Government, through Patricia P. Brister, as Parish President, is empowered to take all necessary measures to respond and cope with emergencies to ensure the continued safety, health and welfare of the citizens of St. Tammany, as per law; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of the impact of the effects of the Heavy Rain Event, Patricia P. Brister, as Parish President of St. Tammany Parish, heretofore invokes all rights and duties afforded her under Louisiana Revised Statute 29:721 *et seq.* and 29:727 (F)(1) and all other applicable statutes and regulations, until further notice; and

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish Government, through Patricia P. Brister, as Parish President, is empowered to take all necessary measures to ensure the continued safety, health and welfare of the citizens of St. Tammany, as per law. Pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute 29:727(F)(1) the Parish President is empowered to, "[s]uspend 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, 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 the Heavy Rain Event. Waiving building permit fees will encourage citizens to begin the repair process, thus allowing a quicker return to their home and livelihood; and

IT IS ORDERED that the requirement of payment of all applicable building permit fees for homes and structures damaged due to the effects of the Heavy Rain Event is hereby waived and said fees are not to be collected; and

IT IS 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

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

At Covington, this 15th day of March, 2016 at 11:30 ~~p~~a.m.

Patricia P. Brister
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.

Sworn and subscribed before me,

(Notary Public)

On this 15 day of March, 2016.

ANGEL L. BYRUM
Notary Public
Notary ID No. 132455
Orleans Parish, Louisiana