

CITY OF BAY ST. LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AND CONTINUING MAYORAL PROCLAMATION OF
LOCAL EMERGENCY**

TROPICAL STORM ARTHUR

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Arthur is forecast to affect portions of the Gulf Coast, including South Mississippi, during the week of June 17, 2026, and may cause hazardous conditions within the City of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, including heavy rainfall, flooding, storm surge, high winds, rip currents, tornadoes, power outages, road closures, and related threats to public health, safety, welfare, and property; and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2026, at 5:00 p.m., the Mayor of the City of Bay St. Louis issued a Proclamation of Local Emergency pursuant to Mississippi Code Annotated Section 33-15-17(d) in preparation for and response to Tropical Storm Arthur; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi Code Annotated Section 33-15-17(d) provides that a mayoral proclamation of a local emergency shall be reviewed by the governing body at its first regular meeting or at a special meeting legally called for that review, and every thirty (30) days thereafter until the local emergency is terminated; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the Mayor's Proclamation of Local Emergency and the information available from emergency-management and weather authorities, City staff, and other appropriate sources; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the conditions stated in the Mayor's Proclamation continue to warrant the existence of a local emergency and the activation of emergency-management powers, procedures, and resources to protect the public health, safety, welfare, and property of the citizens and residents of Bay St. Louis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BAY ST. LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Approval and Ratification of Proclamation. The City Council hereby approves and ratifies the Mayor's Proclamation of Local Emergency issued on June 17, 2026, at 5:00 p.m., pursuant to Mississippi Code Annotated Section 33-15-17(d).

Section 2. Continuation of Local Emergency. The City Council finds that a local emergency exists within the City of Bay St. Louis and approves the continuation of the local emergency until terminated by lawful action at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant.

Section 3. Authority to Take Emergency Actions. The Mayor, City officials, employees, agents, and departments are authorized and directed to take all lawful actions necessary or appropriate to prepare for, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the effects of Tropical Storm Arthur and related emergency conditions, including the actions described in the Mayor's Proclamation of Local Emergency.

Section 4. Contracts, Obligations, Expenditures, and Assistance. Subject to applicable law and documentation requirements, the City is authorized to enter into contracts, incur obligations, employ temporary workers, rent or use equipment, purchase supplies and materials, perform or contract for public work, request and accept mutual aid or other assistance, and expend public funds as necessary to combat the emergency, protect public health and safety, and provide emergency assistance.

Section 5. Records and Reimbursement Documentation. City officials and departments shall maintain accurate records of emergency-related labor, equipment use, contracts, purchases, damages, response actions, and expenditures to support reimbursement, audit, insurance, disaster-assistance, and accountability requirements.

Section 6. Further Review. Pursuant to Mississippi Code Annotated Section 33-15-17(d), the City Council shall review the need for continuing the local emergency at least every thirty (30) days until the local emergency is terminated.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

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