

CITY OF BAY ST. LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI
MAYYOR'S PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY
TROPICAL STORM ARTHUR

WHEREAS, the City of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi is a coastal municipality located on the Mississippi Sound and is vulnerable to tropical weather systems, including heavy rainfall, flooding, storm surge, high winds, strong currents, tornadoes, power outages, road closures, and related threats to public health, safety, welfare, and property; and

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Arthur is forecast to affect portions of the Gulf Coast, including South Mississippi, on or around June 18, 2026, and may cause hazardous conditions within the territorial limits of the City of Bay St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has received information from federal, state, county, and/or local emergency-management and weather authorities indicating that preparations, response measures, protective actions, emergency staffing, equipment staging, debris removal preparations, public-safety operations, and other emergency measures may be necessary to protect life and property; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated conditions associated with Tropical Storm Arthur constitute or threaten to constitute conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the City of Bay St. Louis, including storm, flood, hurricane-related, and other natural-disaster conditions; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi Code Annotated Section 33-15-17(d) authorizes the Mayor of a municipality to proclaim a local emergency as defined in Mississippi Code Annotated Section 33-15-5; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi Code Annotated Section 33-15-17 authorizes municipalities, in carrying out emergency-management responsibilities, to enter into contracts and incur obligations necessary to combat a disaster, protect the health and safety of persons and property, and provide emergency assistance to victims of such disaster, in light of the exigencies of an extreme emergency situation; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor finds that prompt action is necessary to activate and coordinate the City's emergency operations, obtain and deploy personnel, equipment, materials, supplies, and services, coordinate with Hancock County (including the Hancock County Emergency Operations Center), the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, federal agencies, neighboring jurisdictions, utilities, and other public and private partners, and take other lawful measures necessary to protect the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael J. Favre, Mayor of the City of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Mississippi Code Annotated Section 33-15-17(d), the laws of the State of Mississippi, and the ordinances and emergency-management plans of the City

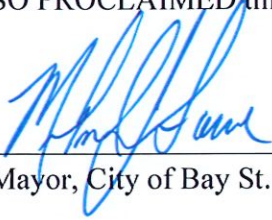
of Bay St. Louis, do hereby proclaim that a LOCAL EMERGENCY exists within the jurisdictional limits of the City of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, effective as of 5:00 p.m. on June 17, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City's emergency-management plans, procedures, and continuity-of-government measures are activated to the extent necessary to prepare for, respond to, and recover from Tropical Storm Arthur and its effects.
2. The Mayor, Deputy City Clerk, Police Department, Fire Department, Public Works Department, Harbor personnel, Finance/Purchasing personnel, and all other appropriate City officers, employees, agents, and departments are authorized and directed to take all lawful and necessary actions to protect life and property, preserve public order and safety, maintain or restore essential public services, and respond to emergency conditions.
3. The City is authorized to request, accept, coordinate, and provide mutual aid, assistance, equipment, personnel, supplies, and services from and to federal, state, county, municipal, and other public or private entities, as allowed by law.
4. The City is authorized, subject to applicable law and documentation requirements, to enter into contracts, incur obligations, employ temporary workers, rent or use equipment, purchase supplies and materials, perform or contract for public work, and expend public funds as necessary to combat the emergency, protect public health and safety, and provide emergency assistance.
5. The City is authorized to coordinate and undertake preparedness, response, and recovery actions including, without limitation, drainage and pump operations, sandbag or flood-protection operations, barricading unsafe roads and areas, clearing debris, securing City facilities and infrastructure, protecting the Municipal Harbor and public waterfront areas, supporting sheltering or evacuation measures if ordered by appropriate authority, disseminating public warnings and instructions, and taking other protective actions reasonably necessary under the circumstances.
6. To the extent necessary to protect life and property, preserve public order and safety, or facilitate emergency operations, the City may issue written emergency orders, regulations, notices, or directives, including restrictions on access, ingress, egress, movement, use of public property, curfews within designated boundaries, closures of City facilities, harbor-related restrictions, or other measures authorized by law. Any such orders or regulations shall be given widespread notice and publicity.
7. All City departments and employees shall cooperate fully with emergency-management officials and shall maintain accurate records of all emergency-related labor, equipment use, contracts, purchases, damages, response actions, and expenditures to support reimbursement, audit, insurance, disaster-assistance, and accountability requirements.
8. This proclamation shall be filed with the City Clerk, provided to the Bay St. Louis City Council, and distributed to appropriate local, county, state, and federal emergency-management officials.

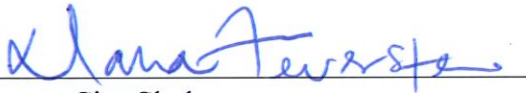
9. Pursuant to Mississippi Code Annotated Section 33-15-17(d), the Bay St. Louis City Council shall review and approve or disapprove the need for continuing this local emergency at its first regular meeting following this proclamation or at a special meeting legally called for such review. Thereafter, the City Council shall review the need for continuing the local emergency at least every thirty (30) days until the local emergency is terminated.
10. This local emergency shall remain in effect until terminated by proclamation or other lawful action at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant.

SO PROCLAIMED this the 17th day of June, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.



Mayor, City of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi

ATTEST:



Deputy City Clerk

