## TERREBONNE PARISH CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

## Executive Order delaying deadline for delivery of proposed 2025 budget to Terrebonne Parish Council due to Hurricane Francine

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## BY ORDER OF THE OFFICE OF THE PARISH PRESIDENT OF TERREBONNE:

WHEREAS, in accordance with the emergency declaration issued by Parish President Jason W. Bergeron on September 9, 2024, for Hurricane Francine and recorded in the Terrebonne Parish Courthouse under COB 2747, page 743, entry No. 1696213, this supplemental declaration order is issued;

**WHEREAS**, on September 9, 2024, Louisiana Governor issued Executive Order Number JML 24-142, declaring a state-wide State of Emergency in anticipation of landfall by Hurricane Francine;

WHEREAS, Hurricane Francine made landfall September 11, 2024, resulting in flooding, heavy rainfall, and hurricane force winds throughout the Parish of Terrebonne;

WHEREAS, communications across the parish failed, including Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government ("TPCG") office systems;

WHEREAS, the office systems in TPCG's Finance Department remain out today;

WHEREAS, Terrebonne Parish Charter Article 5, Sections 5-02 and -05 require TPCG's annual operating and capital improvement budget be submitted to the Terrebonne Parish Council at least 90 days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year;

WHEREAS, due to the loss of office systems and the call for essential personnel with the Finance Department to participate in emergency operations related to Hurricane Francine, the department will not have the 2025 proposed budget ready to submit to Council within the deadline imposed by the Charter;

WHEREAS, Terrebonne Parish President Jason W. Bergeron is authorized under Louisiana Revised Statute 29:727 and Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government Code Sec. 7-5 to suspend the "orders, rules, or regulations of any local agency, if strict compliance with the provisions ... would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency;

WHEREAS, because the essential employees of the Finance Department have been, and will continue to be, focused on emergency response operations for Hurricane Francine, it is necessary to extend the deadline for presentation of the proposed 2025 operating and capital improvement budget to the Terrebonne Parish Council;

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED** that the deadline for TPCG's administration to present the proposed 2025 operating and capital improvement budget to the Terrebonne Parish Council, as provided for under Terrebonne Parish Charter Article 5, Section 5-02 and -05, shall be and is hereby suspended; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the proposed 2025 operating and capital improvement budget shall be presented to the Terrebonne Parish Council within 60 days prior to the beginning of the 2025 fiscal year; and

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this order be recorded with the Terrebonne Parish Clerk of Court and given prompt and general publicity and filed with the Office of Emergency Preparedness, all in accordance with La. R.S. 29:721, *et seq*.

AT HOUMA, LOUISIANA, THIS 13 DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 4:15 O'CLOCK P.M.

Jason W. Bergeron Parish President

NOTICE POSTED AT: Terrebonne Parish web-page: tpcg.org and 8026 Main Street, Suite 700 Houma, LA 70360