



## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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April 20, 2020

### Tornado Executive Order Number 1 JEM 2020

**WHEREAS**, on April 12, 2020, inclement weather, severe thunderstorms, and at least one confirmed tornado struck the City of Monroe causing severe property damage and personal injury in the City of Monroe;

**WHEREAS**, on April 12, 2020, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury President, Shane Smiley, declared a local state of emergency due to the thunderstorm and tornado damage, which was immediately effective, pursuant to the Ordinances of Ouachita Parish, the Louisiana Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act of 2006, and other controlling law; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 12, 2020, Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation Number 45 JBE 2020 regarding the April 12, 2020 severe thunderstorms and tornado(s) and declared a state of emergency in Ouachita Parish; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the authority granted in Louisiana Revised Statute 29:737, a State of Emergency due to the thunderstorms and tornado(s) was declared for the City of Monroe effective as of April 12, 2020 and continuing for a period of thirty (30) days unless terminated earlier or extended;

**WHEREAS**, under the authority granted by the foregoing the Mayor of the City of Monroe deems it necessary and prudent to suspend the provisions of certain municipal regulatory ordinances prescribing the orders, rules, and regulations of the City of Monroe and its agencies where strict compliance with the provision of these ordinances, orders, rules, or regulations would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency; and


**NOW THEREFORE, I, JAMES E. MAYO, Mayor of the City of Monroe**, by virtue of the authority granted to me under the laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct

as follows:

1. City of Monroe Resolution Number 4506, entitled “Resolution Establishing Purchasing and Bidding Procedures for the City of Monroe and Further Providing with Respect Thereto,” dated February 10, 2004, which established the City’s current Administration Purchasing Policy, is hereby suspended in its entirety during the duration of this public emergency, for the following purposes only:
  - a. All bids, purchases, and projects necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of City of Monroe citizens and employees in light of the April 12, 2020 severe thunderstorms and tornado(s);
  - b. All bids, purchases, and projects necessary to promote swift recovery and action within the City of Monroe related to the April 12, 2020 severe thunderstorms and tornado(s); and
  - c. All bids, purchases, and projects required to maintain orderly operations of the City of Monroe during this emergency.
2. Notwithstanding the suspension of Resolution No. 4506, all bids, purchases, and projects should be undertaken in a fair and reasonable manner taking into account the Public Bid Law, the Administration Purchasing Policy, the needs of the City (including its employees and citizens), and the most advantageous terms;
3. All bids, purchases, and projects sought to be made or performed under the authority granted in Section 1 shall be submitted to and approved by the Director of Administration and the City Attorney prior to such bid, purchase, or project.

  
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James E. Mayo, Mayor  
City of Monroe

Thus done and signed on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020 at Monroe, Louisiana.

  
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Notary Public: Angie D. Sturdivant  
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