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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

PROCLAMATION NUMBER 02 CLS 2020

PROMULGATION OF ADDITIONAL MEASURES FOR STATE OF EMERGENCY - CORONAVIRUS 2019 (COVID-19)

- WHEREAS, the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, La. R.S. 29:721 et seq., confers upon the President of the Parish of Jefferson powers to deal with emergencies and disasters, including those caused by fire, flood, earthquake or other natural or manmade causes, in order to ensure that the preparations of this parish will be adequate to respond to such emergencies or disasters and to preserve the lives and property of the people of the Parish of Jefferson; and
- WHEREAS, La. R.S. 29:727(D) empowers the President of the Parish of Jefferson to declare a local disaster or emergency, which shall continue until the President finds that the threat of danger has been dealt with to the extent that emergency conditions no longer exist; and
- WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Proclamation No. 01 CLS 2020 was issued, which declared a state of emergency to exist within and throughout the Parish of Jefferson as a result of the novel coronavirus named SARS-CoV-2 and the respiratory disease caused by it known as Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); and
- WHEREAS, guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for responding to COVID-19 suggests aggressive measures for limiting possible interactions with individuals exposed to or infected with COVID-19; and
- WHEREAS, since the issuance of Proclamation No. 01 CLS 2020, the COVID-19 outbreak in Southeast Louisiana has expanded significantly; and
- WHEREAS, during a local disaster or emergency, La. R.S. 29:727 empowers the Parish President to suspend 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, rule, or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency; and
- WHEREAS, La. R.S. 29:727 further empowers the Parish President to transfer the direction, personnel, or functions of local departments and agencies or units thereof for the purpose of performing or facilitating emergency services, and to utilize all available resources of the local government as reasonably necessary to cope with the local disaster or emergency.

NOW THEREFORE, I, CYNTHIA LEE SHENG, President of the Parish of Jefferson, by virtue of the authority vested by the laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1:

That the functions of the Personnel Director and the Personnel Board relative to the preparation and submission of personnel rules is hereby temporarily transferred to the Office of the Parish President for the purpose of promulgating the following emergency rule, which will facilitate coping



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with the emergency posed by COVID-19: Employees of Jefferson Parish Government shall be given civil leave without loss of pay when ineligible for remote work and have been instructed by their appointing authority not to report to work, or have been quarantined or placed in isolation by a licensed physician or by order of the Office of Public Health in accordance with guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

SECTION 2:

That the provisions of the Code of Ordinances of Jefferson Parish, Louisiana relative to the requirement that a permit be obtained prior to erecting temporary signage on public rights of way are hereby suspended, subject to the following limitations: (1.) the temporary signage shall be installed without obstructing the view of traffic; (2.) the temporary signage shall not hinder the use of sidewalks; (3.) the signage shall be no larger than 36" x 36" in size; and (4.) the temporary signage erected may only advertise or inform the public relative to the operations of a Jefferson Parish business that is licensed to serve food.

SECTION 3:

This order shall be effective upon signature and shall terminate on the 13th of April, 2020, unless terminated sooner.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially on this 18th day of March, 2020 at 1:45 a.m.

PRESIDENT, PARISH OF JEFFERSON

