

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER DY 24-001

STATE OF EMERGENCY HURRICANE FRANCINE

WHEREAS, on September 9, 2024, pursuant to Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:721, *et seq.*, a state of emergency was declared by Governor Jeff Landry;

WHEREAS, R.S. 29:737 authorizes the mayor of a municipality to take immediate action to preserve the public peace, property, health and safety or to provide for the continued operation of the municipal government;

WHEREAS, weather predications show Hurricane Francine, a Category 1 hurricane prior to making landfall is likely to strengthen into a Category 2 hurricane by the time it makes landfall;

WHEREAS, weather predications show there is an extremely high probability that tropical force winds will likely occur in St. George beginning late today and Hurricane Francine will make landfall in Louisiana on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 producing winds of up to 73 mph, up to 12 inches of rain and flooding in Louisiana which pose a potential threat to the public health, safety and welfare of residents and properties in St. George;

WHEREAS, in light of the potential damage to the public health, safety and welfare of residents and properties in St. George, there is an immediate need to take emergency response measures necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the residents and properties in St. George, to provide for the continued operation of the municipal government and to respond to any damage caused by Hurricane Francine;

WHEREAS, officials of the City of St. George are coordinating with the Mayor's Office of Emergency Preparedness (MOSEP), have activated emergency measures and will continue to execute emergency plans and activities necessary to prepare for and respond to the anticipated weather conditions;

WHEREAS, the necessary response to Hurricane Francine may exceed St. George's capability to protect the public health, safety and welfare of residents and to protect properties in St. George without assistance of other governmental agencies and to response to any damage caused by this hurricane;

NOW THEREFORE, in accordance with R.S. 29:737 and other applicable provisions of the Louisiana Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, acting in my capacity as Mayor for the City of St. George, I do hereby declare a State of Emergency exists in the City of St. George; and

FURTHER, on behalf of the residents, property owners and businesses of St. George, I hereby request all available assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness and from the East Baton Rouge Office of Emergency Preparedness during this State of Emergency necessary and available to protect the public health, safety and welfare as this situation develops and to restore the public health, safety and welfare after Hurricane Francine.

This Order effective on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 shall remain in effect, until it is determined the threat of danger and any emergency conditions resulting from this hurricane have been dealt with to the extent that emergency conditions no longer exist within St. George.

Signed this 10th day of September 2024 in St. George, Louisiana.

Dustin Yates, Mayor



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MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 10 and 11, 2024 POSTPONED

Due to expected inclement weather conditions expected to be caused by Hurricane Francine the following meetings will be postponed:

- 1. St. George Regular Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 10, 2024 will be held on Tuesday, September 17, 2024.
- 2. St. George Transition District Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 11, 2024 will be held on Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.
- 3. St. George Home Rule Charter Commission Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 11, 2024 will be held Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

Agendas for the meetings will be posted at stgeorgela.gov.