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COVID-19 Executive Order Number 1 JEM 2020

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States, pursuant to the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1601, et seq., has declared that the outbreak of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) constitutes a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation Number 25 JBE 2020 regarding the Public Health Emergency – COVID-19, declaring an imminent threat posed to Louisiana citizens by the virus, creating emergency conditions that threaten the lives and health of the citizens of the State of Louisiana, pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute 29:766; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation Number 32 JBE 2020, which suspended, in part, certain provisions of the Louisiana Public Bid Law, La. R.S. 38:2211, *et seq.*, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury President, Shane Smiley, declared a local state of emergency due to the threat of COVID-19, which was retroactive to Governor Edwards' issuance of the statewide declaration of the aforesaid Public Health Emergency (Proclamation Number 25 JBE 2020) on March 11, 2020, pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute 29:721 et. seq.;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted in Louisiana Revised Statute 29:737, a State of Public Health Emergency due to COVID-19 was declared for the City of Monroe effective as of April 1, 2020 and continuing through April 30, 2020 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 COVID-19 pandemic;
 - b. All bids, purchases, and projects necessary to promote swift recovery and action within the City of Monroe related to the COVID-19 pandemic; 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.



James E. Mayo, Mayor
City of Monroe

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

Angie D. Sturdivant
Notary Public: Angie D. Sturdivant
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