



St. Tammany Parish Government
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER
EXECUTIVE ORDER

Emergency Operations Center Contact: 985-898-2359

EXECUTIVE ORDER PROHIBITING REMOVAL OF ASSETS FROM ST. TAMMANY PARISH AS PER THE LOUISIANA HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE AND DISASTER ACT, LA. R.S. 29:721 ET SEQ. AS TO THE EFFECTS OF THE 014-10 MISSISSIPPI CANYON 252-GULF OF MEXICO-TRANSOCEAN DRILLING INCIDENT DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL RIG.

WHEREAS, Governor Bobby Jindal has issued a state declaration of emergency, BJ20, in preparation for predicted impact of oil along the Louisiana coast leaking from the Deepwater Horizon which threatens the state's natural resources; and

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish's northern boundaries are Lake Pontchartrain and the Mississippi Sound which comprises two hundred thirty-eight and one-tenth (238.1) square miles of water and sixty-one (61) miles of coastline; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the Deepwater Horizon incident and due to weather patterns, it was necessary to declare an emergency due to the possible impact of oil along the St. Tammany Parish coastline from the Deepwater Horizon which threatens the Parish's natural resources, including land, water, fish, wildlife, fowl and likewise threatens the livelihoods of the Parish's citizens which increases the economic impact of the incident; and

WHEREAS St. Tammany Parish Government, through Kevin Davis, as Parish President, is empowered to take all necessary measures to ensure the safety, health and welfare of the citizens of St. Tammany, as per law. The effect of the emergency upon all of St. Tammany's people and property requires action by St. Tammany Parish Government to offset the irreparable damages caused by the incident; and

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2010 St. Tammany Parish President, Kevin Davis issued an Executive Order declaring a parish-wide state of emergency due to the Deep Water Horizon Oil Spill and has renewed that emergency declaration continuously; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect St. Tammany Parish from the devastating effects of oil contamination within its boundaries, various different assets, both public and private, have been mobilized and are located at certain areas within St. Tammany Parish. The removal of those assets has been threatened; and

WHEREAS, the removal of assets, both public and private, from St. Tammany Parish would cause irreversible and devastating effects to life and property. Therefore, in order to protect the health, safety and welfare it is necessary to issue an Executive Order expressly prohibiting the removal of assets, of any kind, that are being used in the efforts to protect St. Tammany Parish from the inundation of oil; and

WHEREAS, without immediate and thorough governmental intervention, the natural habitat and intrinsic character of St. Tammany Parish will be forever detrimentally be impacted and action by the Parish of St. Tammany is mandatory to fulfill the needs of the people of this Parish until such time as the emergency state of this Parish has subsided; and

IT IS ORDERED that assets, whether public or private, which are located with the Parish and are being used to protect St. Tammany Parish from the inundation of oil shall not be removed by anyone. Those who violate this Executive Order or who interrupts or interferes with the control of the Parish and/or Parish President shall be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law, including but, not limited to arrest.



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IT IS ORDERED that Kevin Davis, as Parish President, maintains the authority to assume total control of all private and public properties and utilities necessary to ensure the safety, health and welfare of the citizens and property of this Parish and to issue all necessary orders; and

IT IS ORDERED that the Office of the Parish President invokes all rights and remedies afforded it under all the laws and constitutions of the United States and State of Louisiana; and

IT IS ORDERED that the Office of the Parish President invokes all rights and remedies afforded it under Louisiana Revised Statutes; and

IT IS ORDERED that the Office of the Parish President invokes all rights and remedies afforded it under the St. Tammany Parish Code of Ordinances.

At Mandeville, this 22nd day of July, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.

Kevin Davis
Parish President

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St. Tammany Parish web-page: stpgov.org
and
21490 Koop Drive, Mandeville, La.
and
510 E. Boston Street, Covington, La.

Sworn to and subscribed before me

this _____ day of _____,
2010.
