



City of Baker

“Great American Hometown”

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

DARNELL WAITES

EMERGENCY DECLARATION

CITY OF BAKER PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY DECLARATION

WHEREAS, in order to comply and be in alignment with the March 13, 2020 Declaration of a National COVID-19 Health Emergency by the President of the United States pursuant to the Stafford Act and the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C., 1601, et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, in order to comply and be in alignment with the intentions and the spirit of Executive Department Proclamation Number 25 JBE 2020 wherein a public health crisis was recently declared by Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards who also declared the existence of an imminent threat to Louisiana citizens which creates emergency conditions that threaten the lives of Louisiana citizens pursuant to LA. R.S. 29:766; and

WHEREAS, in order to comply and be in alignment with the intentions and the spirit of the March 12, 2020 Local Public Health Emergency Declaration/Executive Order and with the March 13, 2020 Emergency Declaration, respectively, issued by East Baton Rouge Parish Mayor-President Sharon Weston Broome, directing the East Baton Rouge Parish Office of Homeland Security to coordinate the overall City Parish response to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) in order that East Baton Rouge Parish may participate in the response and recovery plan administered by the Louisiana Governor’s Office of Homeland Security pursuant to LA R.S. 29:767 and LA R.S. 29:721, et seq., respectively, and

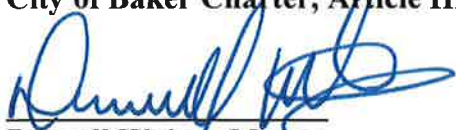
WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of Mayor of the City of Baker, by City of Baker Charter, Article III, Sections 3-01 and 3-07; Article II, Sections 9-31 and 9-32; Article VI, Section 14-55 and other respective Louisiana laws, Parish Ordinances and Baker Ordinances, and due to the apparent imminent threats posed to the health and safety of the citizens of Baker by the COVID-19 virus which creates emergency conditions within the city of Baker;

NOW THEREFORE, I, DARNELL WAITES, Mayor of the City of Baker, do hereby declare a Public Health Emergency in the City of Baker.

THEREFORE, effective immediately and continuing until further notice, the Mayor's Office and the various Departments within City of Baker Administration shall:

- 1. Stand ready to plan and execute health emergency assessments, preparedness response, mitigation and recovery as directed; and**
- 2. Stand ready to coordinate and collaborate with East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana State and U.S. Federal public health emergency response officials; and**
- 3. Continue to closely observe and implement the City of Baker CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) Employee Workforce Guidance previously ordered and currently in effect; and**
- 4. Limit public access to all City of Baker Government offices to include City Hall/Mayor's Office, Public Works Office, Utility Billing Office, Baker City Court, Baker Prosecutor's Office, Baker Chamber of Commerce effective March 17, 2020 at 7am; and**
- 5. Recommend that all citizens practice social distancing and limit public gatherings to 25 people or less; and**
- 6. Following the recommendations of Governor Edwards, all local restaurants must use take out and drive through services versus dine-in service; and**
- 7. If, when and where ordered or directed, closely observe, implement and enforce limited quarantines in the City of Baker; and**
- 8. Implement and enforce curfews if and when ordered in the City of Baker.**

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Darnell Waites, on this 16th day of March 2020, hereby declare that a public health emergency exists in the City of Baker, in accordance with the City of Baker Charter, Article III, Sections 3-01 and 3-07.


Darnell Waites, Mayor

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