

IN THE CITY OF GULFPORT
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF HARRISON COUNTY
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

**ORDER TEMPORARILY CLOSING GULFPORT
SMALL CRAFT HARBOR DUE TO EFFECTS
FROM HURRICANE ZETA**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Mississippi Law, including, but not limited to, Miss. Code Ann. § 45-17-1, et seq. and Miss. Code Ann. § 33-15-17, et seq., as amended, and in the public interest of the City and to safeguard and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public and for the protection of life and property, the undersigned did on October 26, 2020, issue a “Proclamation Declaring a Civil And/Or Local Emergency to Exist as a Result of a Threatened or Existing Natural Disaster” associated with an imminent threat of a natural disaster resulting from Hurricane Zeta and related conditions (tropical rains, winds, storm surge, lightening, flooding, etc.) projected to commence in the area on October 28, 2020, and impact an area that included the City of Gulfport; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Mississippi subsequently declared and proclaimed, pursuant to authority vested in him by the Mississippi Constitution of 1890 and § 33-15-11(b)(17), that as of October 28, 2020, a State of Emergency existed in the State of Mississippi as a result of the impending impact of Hurricane Zeta; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Zeta struck the Mississippi Gulf Coast and the City of Gulfport during the late afternoon and evening hours on October 28, 2020, and did so as a Category 2 Hurricane, which was a stronger storm than was expected; and which caused significant damage to public and private property in the City, and which damage included, among other things, downed power lines and utility infrastructure, trees, and other debris in and along the roadways, and which damage also included that caused by a surge of waters associated with the storm; and

WHEREAS, in particular, Hurricane Zeta had a significant impact on the Gulfport Small Craft Harbor (also known as the “Gulfport Municipal Marina”), and which has resulted in navigation hazards being located within the basin and damaged decks and docks and which has caused safety hazards for the movement of boats/vessels and persons in and around the harbor and basin areas; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to safeguard and protect the health, safety, and welfare of those in and around the harbor/basin, there is a need to temporarily close the same except for use by emergency responders, recovery relief workers, City employees, and Coast Guard officials.

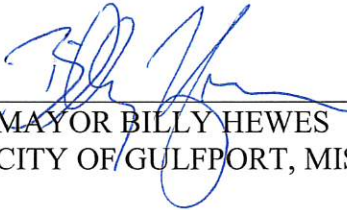
THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Mississippi Law, including, but not limited to, Miss. Code Ann. § 45-17-1, et seq. and Miss. Code Ann. § 33-15-17, et seq., as amended, and in the public interest of the City of Gulfport, and to safeguard and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public and for the protection and preservation of life and property and good order, the undersigned hereby issues this Order temporarily closing the Gulfport Small Craft Harbor / Gulfport Municipal Marina until further notice or additional Order declaring otherwise.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that, with the exception of use by emergency responders, recovery relief workers, City employees, and Coast Guard officials, *the Gulfport Small Craft Harbor / Gulfport Municipal Marina* shall be, and hereby is, *temporarily closed to the public from and after 12:00 a.m. (midnight) central time on October 30, 2020, and until further notice or Order declaring otherwise*. It is further,

ORDERED that this Order shall be: (1) filed with the City Clerk; (2) distributed to the news media and other organizations reasonably calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public; and (3) distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this Order. It is further,

ORDERED that any person violating this curfew shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be punished by a fine not exceeding three hundred dollars (\$300.00) or six (6) months' imprisonment, or both such fine and imprisonment.

THIS, the 30TH day of October, 2020.


MAYOR BILLY HEWES
CITY OF GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI

ATTEST:


GERARD BELLOCQ
CITY CLERK
CITY OF GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI