

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

**ORDER FULLY RE-OPENING THE GULFPORT SMALL  
CRAFT HARBOR FOLLOWING 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 resulted in navigational hazards being located within the basin and damaged decks and docks and which caused/created 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, the undersigned issued an Order on October 30, 2020, which temporarily closed the Gulfport Small Craft Harbor / Gulfport Municipal Marina until further notice or additional Order declaring otherwise; and


**WHEREAS**, after this Order was issued, extensive work and diligent efforts were undertaken with respect to post-storm recovery in the harbor/marina and which work and efforts, over time, resulted in the removal of threats to general navigation in the Bert Jones Yacht Basin and the ability to partially re-open the harbor/marina in response thereto, as evidenced in the various Orders that were subsequently issued and which partially re-opened the Harbor/Marina; and

WHEREAS, persistent post-storm recovery work has now provided the opportunity to completely re-open this facility to all piers and locations; and


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, the undersigned hereby issues this Order *fully re-opening the Gulfport Small Craft Harbor / Gulfport Municipal Marina such that all piers located in the Harbor / Marina that were previously closed as a result of Hurricane Zeta shall now be, and hereby are, re-opened to the public*, as there is no longer a need to safeguard and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public or to protect and preserve life, property, and the good order by closing the same. 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.

THIS, the 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.

  
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MAYOR BILLY HEWES  
CITY OF GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI

ATTEST:

  
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GERARD BELLOCQ  
CITY CLERK  
CITY OF GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI