

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

**CURFEW ORDER**

**CURFEW ORDER ISSUED IN  
CONNECTION WITH HURRICANE FRANCINE**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with 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 as Mayor of the City of Gulfport, Mississippi 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, on September 11, 2024, I issued 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 Francine and related conditions (tropical rains, winds, storm surge, lightening, flooding, etc.) projected to commence in the area on September 11, 2024, and impact an area that includes the City of Gulfport; and

**WHEREAS**, I find that in the interests of the protection of life and property and in promotion of the health, safety, and welfare of the public, and with the exception of those persons officially designated to duty with reference to this civil emergency and/or otherwise lawfully on the streets, as provided in Miss. Code Ann. § 45-17-11, as amended, the movement of persons within the corporate limits of the City of Gulfport should be restricted for a prescribed period of time associated with the effects of this storm within the disaster area and that, therefore, a general curfew applicable to the entire geographical area of the City should be in effect from 6:00 p.m. central time on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, through 5:59 a.m. central time on Thursday, September 12, 2024, when the effects and impact of the storm are reasonably anticipated at this time to have subsided; 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, 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, I do hereby issue this “Curfew Order” as set out herein and declare and order as follows:


**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED**, that *a general curfew* applicable to the entire geographical area of the City of Gulfport and within its corporate limits shall be, and hereby is, in effect **from 6:00 p.m. central time on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, and shall continue in effect until 5:59 a.m. central time on Thursday, September 12, 2024**. Unless further ordered otherwise, this curfew shall no longer be in effect from and after 6:00 a.m. central time on Thursday, September 12, 2024. It is further,

**ORDERED**, that, in accordance with City of Gulfport Ordinance No. 2398 (Section 7-19 in the City of Gulfport's Code of Ordinances), a "curfew" is hereby defined as a prohibition against any person or persons walking, running, loitering, standing, sitting, lying or motoring upon any alley, street, public property or vacant premises within the corporate limits of the municipality except persons officially designated to duty with reference to said civil emergency or those lawfully on the street, as further defined and set forth in Section 7-19 of the City's Code of Ordinances. It is further,

**ORDERED** that this Curfew 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.

  
MAYOR BILLY HEWES  
CITY OF GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK  
CITY OF GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI