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CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

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MAYORAL PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, La. R.S. 29:721, et seq., confers upon the Mayor of the City of New Orleans emergency powers to deal with emergencies and disasters, including those caused by fire, flood, earthquake, or other natural or manmade causes, in order to ensure that preparations of this City will be adequate to deal with such emergencies or disasters, and to preserve the natural resources of the City, lives, and property of the people of the City of New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 29:727(F)(1) confers upon the Mayor the authority to suspend the provisions of any regulatory ordinance prescribing the procedures for conduct of local business, or the orders, rules, or regulations of any local agency, if strict compliance with the provisions of any ordinance, order, rule, or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency; and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2024, the City Sanitation Department issued a request for proposals ("RFP") seeking qualified contractors to perform a 5-year sanitation services contract providing "comprehensive sanitation services at an enhanced service level" for the New Orleans French Quarter and Downtown Development District; and

WHEREAS, on July 23, 2024, the City Sanitation Department awarded the Project to Henry Consulting, whose comprehensive proposal for the Project ranked first among six separate proposals responding to the RFP; and

WHEREAS, on December 9, 2024, the Mayor executed the sanitation services contract awarded to Henry Consulting for the Project (the "Henry PSA"); and

WHEREAS, despite the Award and the execution of the Henry PSA, the New Orleans City Council refused to sign the Henry PSA; and

WHEREAS, after a trial court ordered the City Council to execute the Henry PSA, the City Council sought a suspensive appeal of that order; and

WHEREAS, the current emergency contract for sanitation services in Service Area 5 French Quarter and Downtown Development District Sanitation Services ("Service Area 5") expires on July 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, in the event the appeal related to the Henry PSA has not been finally resolved prior to the expiration of the current emergency contract for sanitation services on July 30, 2025, Service Area 5 will be without sanitation services as of July 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, failure to have a contract in place to provide for continuous sanitation services in Service Area 5 would result in an imminent public health emergency and economic emergency; and

WHEREAS, there is a critical need to ensure continuity of trash-collection services in the French Quarter and the DDD; and

WHEREAS, a declaration of emergency is necessary to ensure continuity of vital trash collection services beginning July 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, to timely and effectively meet the dangers presented by the emergency, it is necessary to immediately effectuate measures to prevent and respond to the emergency, and generally to preserve the lives and property of the people of the Parish of Orleans; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, LATOYA CANTRELL, Mayor and Chief Executive Officer of the City of New Orleans and the Parish of Orleans, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the City of New Orleans by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the Home Rule Charter and laws of the City of New Orleans, do hereby declare pursuant to La. R.S. 29:727 that due to the above-recited circumstances, a disaster and state of emergency exists in the City of New Orleans, warranting the use of all extraordinary measures appropriate to ensure public health, safety, welfare, and convenience to ensure continuity of vital trash collection services in Service Area 5 (the French Quarter and the Downtown Development District).

The City Attorney is directed to file this proclamation promptly in the office of the Clerk of Court and arrange for it to be given prompt and general publicity.

WITNESS my hand in New Orleans, Louisiana this 4th day of July 2025.