

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER HM 26-05

LIGHTS-ON STREETLIGHT STABILIZATION INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, a fully operational system of streetlights and traffic signals is among the most basic assets of a properly functioning municipality and one of the most important core services that government must provide; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Orleans—through its Department of Public Works (“DPW”) and private contractors—manages more than 54,000 streetlights located on interstates, highways, and state and local roads, along with an array of system components like poles, wiring, and junction boxes; and

WHEREAS, DPW’s capacity and ability to manage the streetlight system has severely eroded over time, resulting in an unacceptably high number of outages across the City and unacceptably high waits for repair; and

WHEREAS, streetlight outages threaten the safety of motorists and pedestrians alike, increase traffic at the expense of productivity, and signal an aura of neglect to both residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, adequately lighted streets and intersections are a detriment to crime and serve as an important element of the Administration’s coordinated approach to public safety; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that the City immediately and aggressively address the outages that have plagued New Orleans for years,

NOW THEREFORE, I, HELENA MORENO, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the City of New Orleans by Section 4-206(3) of the New Orleans Home Rule Charter and other applicable law, **DO HEREBY ORDER AS FOLLOWS:**

1. Purpose. The purpose of this Order is to establish and implement the Mayor’s Lights-On Initiative and to establish a comprehensive program designed to ensure that traffic signals and streetlights remain operational and are repaired quickly.

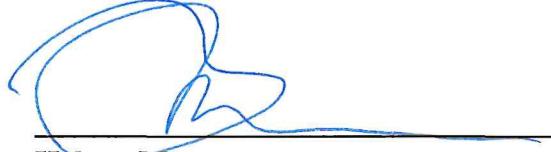
2. Effective Date. This Order shall become effective upon execution.

3. **Operational Repair Plan.** The Department of Public Works is hereby directed to produce 30-day, 60-day, and 90-day citywide operational plans for implementing critical repairs to streetlights and traffic signals and for restoring the City's streetlight system to acceptable service levels. As part of these plans, DPW shall identify and make recommendations to address contractor gaps, supply-chain needs, and staffing shortages. The plans should also address and make recommendations for emergency maintenance protocols to prevent and promptly address outages on an ongoing basis. The plan should also include a mechanism for daily outage reports and weekly progress briefings.

While the Lights-On Initiative should prioritize the City's most important and heavily traveled intersections, the plans should also be intentional in addressing outages citywide, including in traditionally underserved neighborhoods.

4. **Duration.** This Order shall remain effective until amended, rescinded, or terminated in accordance with applicable law.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL THIS 12TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2026 AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.



Helena Moreno
Mayor
City of New Orleans