

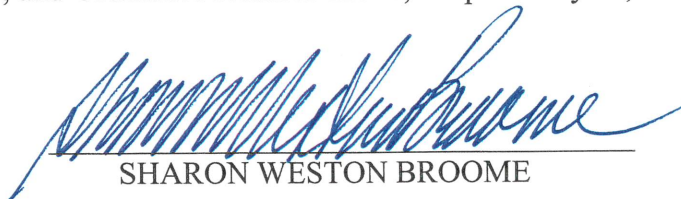
**City of Baton Rouge-Parish of East Baton Rouge
Office of the Mayor President
Rescission of Executive Order of
March 13, 2020**

**Rescission of Executive Order regarding COVID-19 Public Health Emergency
Disconnection of Utilities**

- WHEREAS,** on March 11, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards issued a proclamation, pursuant to La. R.S. 29:760, declaring a public health emergency regarding COVID-19;
- WHEREAS,** the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") is responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel (new) coronavirus that was first detected in China and which has now been detected in many other countries, including in the United States. The virus has been named "SARS-CoV-2" and the disease it causes has been named "coronavirus disease 2019" (abbreviated "COVID-19");
- WHEREAS,** on March 13, 2020, the Executive Secretary for the Louisiana Public Service Commission issued an Executive Order entitled Executive Order Number March 13, 2020, later memorialized in Special Order 22-2020 and Special Order No 28-2020, "which provided that all Public Utilities subject to the Commission's jurisdiction be prohibited from disconnecting customers for non-payment of utility bills, irrespective of whether the utility has followed the disconnection protocol";
- WHEREAS,** on March, 13, 2020, the City of Baton Rouge, Parish of East Baton Rouge issued Executive Order March 13, 2020 abiding by and acting in conformity with the Public Service Commission's Executive Order and suspending the provisions of Ordinance Number 16678, adopted October 25, 2017 and Ordinance Number 12647, adopted May 28, 2003, as they related to non-payment and disconnection of services;
- WHEREAS,** on June 24, 2020 the Public Service Commission terminated the prohibitions against disconnection and suspension of service for non-payment with the passage of Special Order No. 43-2020 and 44-2020, to have an effective date of July 16, 2020;
- WHEREAS,** The City of Baton Rouge and the Parish of East Baton Rouge desires to act in conformity with the Public Service Commission's actions of June 24, 2020;

NOW THEREFORE, I, SHARON WESTON BROOME, Mayor-President, City of Baton Rouge, Parish of East Baton Rouge, do hereby order and direct as follows:

Under the authority granted by La. R.S. 29:727, I do rescind Executive Order March 13, 2020 thereby lifting the suspension of Ordinance Number 16678, adopted October 25, 2017, and Ordinance Number 12647, adopted May 28, 2003.



SHARON WESTON BROOME