

29TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

PARISH OF ST. CHARLES

STATE OF LOUISIANA

**SECOND AMENDED EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER
HURRICANE IDA**

Considering the progress in repairs to infrastructure and restoration of electric utility services in St. Charles Parish, and the availability of alternative temporary facilities to the 29th Judicial District Court during this period of on-going recovery from Hurricane Ida, and

Further considering the scheduled full reopening of the 29th Judicial District Court on reopening of the 29th Judicial District Court on October 1, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. is an incremental process, and

Further considering that emergency closure of the court between August 30, 2021 and October 1, 2021 has created a significant backlog of filing submittals to be filed and processed by the 29th Judicial District Clerk of Court, and

Acting in accordance with the Louisiana Constitution Article V, Section I, the inherent power of this Court and La. R.S. 1:55(E)(2), the Court issues this second amendment to the Emergency Closure Order issued on September 17, 2021, as follows:

IT IS ORDERED that, commencing September 29, 2021, the 29th Judicial District Clerk of Court is expressly authorized to immediately commence filing and processing of all civil, criminal, and juvenile pleadings received electronically, via the United States Postal Service or commercial carrier, and by facsimile transmittal between August 30, 2021 and September 29, 2021, which filings are specifically subject to deadline extensions established in prior emergency closure orders.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that for all other purposes, the 29th Judicial District Court for the Parish of St. Charles shall remain closed until Friday, October 1, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

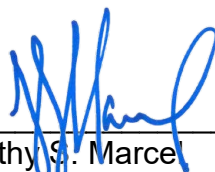
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all filings which are due between August 30, 2021 and September 30, 2021 shall be considered timely if filed no later than October 1, 2021.

Parties unable to meet this deadline due to Hurricane Ida or Tropical Storm Nicholas may submit motions for extension of time supported by appropriate documentation and argument on or after October 1, 2021.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all prior orders issued during the emergency closure period which are not inconsistent with the foregoing shall remain in full force and effect.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in accordance with La. R.S. 1:55(E)(2) the Clerk of Court for the Parish of St. Charles shall have published as soon as possible a legal notice in all of the official parish journals within the district setting forth the dates of closure, the hour of closure if applicable, the reasons for closure, and a statement that, pursuant to R.S. 1:55(E)(3), these days or parts of days were legal holidays. The Clerk shall attach a similar statement to every document, petition, or pleading filed in the Office of the Clerk on the first day or part of a day his office is open after being closed under the provisions of this paragraph, whether the petition or document relates to a cause of action, right of appeal, or other matters against which prescription could have run or times periods imposed by law could have expired.

DONE AND SIGNED this 29st day of September 2021 at Luling, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana.



Timothy S. Marcel
Chief Judge