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JEFFERSON PARISH DEPARTMENT OF CODE ENFORCEMENT LICENSING PROCEDURES

Jefferson Parish Department of Inspection and Code Enforcement issued the following relative to Contractor Licensing and Permits: Any Building, Electrical, Mechanical or Plumbing Contractor currently licensed to work in Jefferson Parish may continue to perform their work as normal. Permits will be required for all emergency and new work.

Any out of Parish/State contractors desiring to perform emergency repairs or new construction in Jefferson Parish may secure a State and Parish License application from the Louisiana State Board of Licensed Contractors and the Jefferson Parish Licensing Office, located at 2525 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA –#1-800-256-1392. These offices are currently open for business from 7:30 am – 4:30 pm, Monday thru Friday.

Jefferson Parish will have damage assessment completed by Friday, September 16th and will immediately commence patrolling Parish streets for contractors performing work without proper licenses and permits. Courtesy notices will be given to anyone performing work without the proper license and permits and they will be given the opportunity to obtain the required licenses and permits. However, any repeated violators will be issued a "Stop Work Order" and directed to secure the required licenses and permits.

Jefferson Parish has implemented a reasonably expeditious licensing and permitting process to ensure the protection of all Jefferson Parish citizens.

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