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Aaron F. Broussard
Parish President

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JEFFERSON PARISH ENDS TEMPORARY SHELTERS FOR FEMA TRAILER RESIDENTS

Jefferson Parish will no longer provide temporary shelters in the event of a tornado warning or watch to those citizens who reside in FEMA trailers.

FEMA's deadline to remove FEMA trailers in unincorporated areas of Jefferson Parish was enforced on May 1, 2009.

In accordance with the Jefferson Parish Code of Ordinance FEMA trailers are not allowed in unincorporated areas.

- Zoning Code does not allow trailers to be used for residential living space
- Building Code does not allow Jefferson Parish to permit a building or structure for living space that is less than four hundred square feet
- Additionally, under the International Residential Code, FEMA trailers do not meet the minimum wind load capacity.

FEMA is continuing to work with residents who have a continued need for housing assistance by offering rental resources and rental assistance for eligible applicants. Those few individuals who are still living in trailers in Jefferson Parish and who need assistance finding permanent housing can call FEMA's Rental Resources number at 1-888-294-2822 or visit their website at www.fema.gov.

For further information, please call Kenneth Padgett, Director of Jefferson Parish Emergency Management Department, at 349-5360.

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