

# **City of New Orleans Post-Disaster Phased Re-Entry Plan**

In the event of a natural or man-made disaster where an official Emergency Declaration and Mandatory Evacuation Order has been made by the Mayor of the City of New Orleans and remains in effect, re-entry of businesses and the public will be prioritized by City Emergency Preparedness officials based on a continuous assessment of the existing threat level to public safety and security, as well as, the extent of post-disaster, sustainable living conditions.

The threat level assessment will consider factors such as road access, environmental conditions, availability of critical services and utilities, weather conditions, damage or loss of critical infrastructure, activity level of emergency services, potential or actual health hazards and area security as determined by local law enforcement. The designation of, and access provided by each Tier will be based on the outcome of the assessment. If conditions warrant, a limited "Look and Leave" policy may be implemented at any stage at the discretion of the Mayor and on the advice of the Director of Homeland Security and Public Safety for the City of New Orleans, to allow limited access prior to the cancellation of any Evacuation Order or Emergency Declaration.

The Mayor of the City of New Orleans, under his emergency powers, may authorize the re-entry of necessary personnel and individuals into the City of New Orleans.

The primary purpose of this procedure is to facilitate public safety and security in the event of a natural or man-made disaster where an official Emergency Declaration and Mandatory Evacuation Order has been issued and remains in effect. This process has regional application and agreed upon by the Parishes of Orleans, Jefferson, Plaquemines and St. Bernard (UASI Region 1) under a Memorandum of Agreement. Safety, economic recovery and a return to normalcy are the ultimate goals.

## **The New Orleans UASI Region 1 Post-Disaster Phased Re-Entry Program**

For the City of New Orleans / Orleans Parish, Emergency Responders will have unrestricted access to all areas of Orleans Parish. Emergency Responders can include:

- Federal, State and Local Law Enforcement personnel
- Emergency Operations Management personnel and logistics personnel (includes FEMA)
- Fire Services
- EMS
- National Guard / Active Military
- Hospital employees
- Public Works / Streets Department employees
- Sewerage & Water Board employees
- Urban Search & Rescue Teams (under an EMAC Request and coordinated thru the State)
- Out of State law enforcement (under an EMAC request and coordinated thru the State)
- Pre-designated public safety contractors, agencies and organizations authorized by the Mayor or the Director of Homeland Security and Public Safety for the City of New Orleans.

## **TIER 1: RESPONSE SUPPORT**

Tier 1 includes those who provide critical services to the government and public agencies such as:

Primary critical infrastructure and major utility companies and their pre-designated sub-contractors.

Pre-designated government contractors (and their sub-contractors).

Pre-designated damage recovery assessment teams from businesses that are deemed critical or of national importance.

Tier 1 eligible companies will be identified by:

1. A dashboard placard indicating the Parish and the Tier number.

**Or**

2. A company generated logo or placard clearly visible on each company vehicle (including sub-contractors) **AND**  
A Parish issued Letter of Access Authorization identifying the company **AND**  
All occupants of the vehicle must have in their possession a valid government picture ID **AND** company identification.

All entities and personnel granted access under Tier 1 must be self sustainable and prepared to abide by all movement and curfew restrictions in effect.

## **TIER 2: RECOVERY SUPPORT**

This group or tier includes those who may make up core assessment teams of major employers or businesses deemed to be essential for the future return of residents or the economic vitality of the Parish.

Tier 2 eligible companies have the responsibility of distributing its Tier 2 placards to the appropriate personnel and maintaining an accurate and current database containing the name, job function and date credential issued for each recipient.

Companies with legitimate businesses in multiple parishes must apply for Tier 2 placards with the parish in which their home or principal office is located. If located outside the region, they must apply to the parish where the majority of their business or work within the region occurs. Approved business will receive a Tier 2 REGIONAL placard.

Tier 2 eligible companies will be identified by:

1. A dashboard placard indicating the parish and Tier number.

**Or**

2. Government contractor personnel traveling in clearly marked company vehicles **AND**  
A Parish issued Letter of Access Authorization identifying the company **AND**  
All occupants of the vehicle must have in their possession a valid government picture ID **AND** company identification.

All entities and personnel granted access under Tier 2 must be self sustainable and prepared to abide by all movement and curfew restrictions in effect.

### **TIER 3: REPOPULATION SUPPORT**

When the parish has been determined to have sustainable living conditions, essential retail businesses and their employees, deemed to be required for the future return of residents or the economic vitality of the Parish will be allowed to return.

Tier 3 eligible businesses will pre-register via an internet based application process and receive paper credentials issued via the internet.

Tier 3 businesses will be responsible for maintaining an accurate and current database containing the name, job function and date credential issued for each recipient along with a verification phone number and delivering to each employee:

1. Copies of the Tier 3 business credential **AND**
2. Letters of Access issued by the company / business **AND**
3. All occupants of the vehicle must have in their possession a valid government picture ID.

All entities and personnel granted access under Tier 3 must be prepared to abide by all movement and curfew restrictions in effect.

#### **General Provisions affecting all Tiers –**

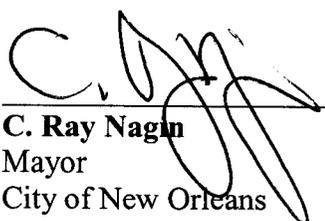
Placards identified with a letter “R” with the Tier number indicate “REGIONAL” access at that Tier level. This provides for the businesses and entities that have multiple business locations in multiple parishes. This will allow access across parish lines to those sites within the restrictions of all movement and curfews then in effect.

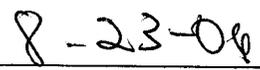
Upon application by the business or agency for which they are contracted, private licensed security personnel may be granted Tier 1 or 2 accesses if they are part of an organized team for the business or agency that meets the required Tier 1 or 2 criteria. They **MUST** be identified as an employee of the permitted business or agency and have the required Tier 1 or 2 identifications. All other private security will be granted whatever access their parent security company is granted. There is no blanket access to private security personnel.

In the event of a natural or man-made disaster where an Mandatory Evacuation Order and official Emergency Declaration has been made by the Mayor of the City of New Orleans and the placards identified by this policy and procedure are not yet available, access will be granted based on the same criteria, **BUT**, in lieu of an issued placard, a letter from the City of New Orleans identifying the Tier level of access granted and the company or agency to whom issued will substitute for the vehicle placard. All other identification criteria will be required (i.e. company id and personal id for each individual in the vehicle). The company to which the letter is issued will be responsible for providing copies to the employees they have identified for re-entry under the appropriate Tier authorized.

This policy will remain in effect until rescinded or superseded in writing.

**SIGNED HERETOFORE,**

  
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**C. Ray Nagin**  
Mayor  
City of New Orleans

  
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**Date**