

**ORDINANCE NO. 5891 OF 2019**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 5841 OF 2019 AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, in April of 2018, Caddo Parish experienced historic tornadoes that caused significant damage to property; and

WHEREAS, the Parish has appropriated monies in the 2019 budget to aid persons displaced as a result of disasters; and

WHEREAS, there remain approximately fifteen properties damaged by the April 2018 tornadoes that the Red Cross has assessed and that CCAA has determined are eligible for disaster aid; and

WHEREAS, significant time has passed since the initial damage assessments of the homes and the present; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross personnel who did the initial assessments on the home are no longer with the agency, and thus, the American Red Cross no longer has personnel with the institutional knowledge necessary to determine what damage is related to the April 2018 tornadoes and what damage is not; and

WHEREAS, the CCAA had personnel that inspect homes for its weatherization programs and these persons can make accurate assessments of exterior and interior damage to homes and determine if it is a result of the April 2018 tornado;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, in due, regular and legal session convened that funds appropriated for emergency aid in 2019 also be used to assist citizens in the aforementioned fifteen properties, displaced by the April 2018 tornadoes, to be administered by the Caddo Community Action Agency based on assessments provided by ~~the North Louisiana American Red Cross~~ CCAA personnel; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that contractors will submit itemized estimates for the scope of work to be completed on each property, itemized invoices for completed properties and certification that all building permits were pulled prior to the commencement of work;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that these funds will only be used for owner occupied homes that have not been adjudicated;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the agency will use the funds to assist Caddo Parish citizens, based on need, with and short-term rental assistance, short-term housing and minor home repairs; and;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that assistance to citizens affected by the April 2018 tornadoes will be reported to the Caddo Parish Commission in \$150,000.00 increments of funds used; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance is introduced and passed pursuant to Charter provision 3-13 and is effective immediately.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**Approved as to legal form:**

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**Office of the Parish Attorney**

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**Date**