

**ORDINANCE**  
**CITY OF NEW ORLEANS**

**CITY HALL: December 20, 2018**

**CALENDAR NO. 32,508**

**NO. \_\_\_\_\_ MAYOR COUNCIL SERIES**

**BY: COUNCILMEMBER  WILLIAMS**

AN ORDINANCE to ordain Section 26-20 of the Code of the City of New Orleans to establish requirements for the filing of plans for certain public buildings with the Office of Homeland Security to assist first responders in the event of an emergency; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, New Orleans' Home Rule Charter grants the Council broad authority to adopt regulations to protect its citizens; and

WHEREAS, emergency responders in the U.S. respond to a high number of emergency events each year, including explosive related incidents, active shooters, and hostage situations; and

WHEREAS, it is helpful for first responders to have access to the interior layouts of buildings to assist in rescue efforts and to minimize the loss of life; **NOW THEREFORE**

**SECTION 1. THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS HEREBY**

**ORDAINS**, That Section 26-20 of the Code of the City of New Orleans is hereby ordained to read as follows:

**"Section 26-20 – Filing Floor Plans for Emergency Assistance**

- (a) Every City owned building and structure currently utilized as an institutional use, as defined by the City's Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, shall submit to the City's Office of Homeland Security floor plans or architectural renderings, which generally

8 indicate a view from above of each floor therein, and the location of exterior and interior  
9 walls and the location of major features of the building, such as staircases, doors, and  
10 windows to assist first responders in rescue efforts during emergency events.

11 (b) Buildings and structures being utilized as institutional uses but not City owned are  
12 encouraged to and may submit to the Office of Homeland Security floor plans or  
13 architectural renderings for assistance during emergency events.

14 (c) Any plan submitted to the Office of Homeland Security is exempt from public disclosure  
15 pursuant to La. R.S. 44:3.1.

16 (d) For purposes of this section, an "emergency event" is the existence of a condition or the  
17 occurrence in or near a building that poses a direct and immediate threat to occupant life  
18 and necessitates the deployment of police, fire and other emergency resources for  
19 purposes of its mitigation. "Emergency" does not include a medical emergency affecting  
20 a single individual."

**ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS** \_\_\_\_\_

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**PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL**

**DELIVERED TO THE MAYOR ON** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED:**

**DISAPPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**MAYOR**

**RETURNED BY THE MAYOR ON** \_\_\_\_\_ **AT** \_\_\_\_\_

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**CLERK OF COUNCIL**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**YEAS:**

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:**