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News Release

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CITY OF KENNER MONITORING TROPICAL SYSTEM IN THE GULF OF MEXICO

TROPICAL STORM WARNING ISSUED FOR LA. COAST; RAIN AND POTENTIAL FLOODING FORECAST

Kenner, LA. – Kenner Mayor Ben Zahn has placed the city's Emergency Action Team on alert status as the tropical system in the Gulf of Mexico has strengthened and continues to move toward the Gulf Coast.

Kenner Emergency Management is closely monitoring the system and developing weather conditions. The National Weather Service on Tuesday afternoon issued a tropical storm warning stretching from Intracoastal City to the mouth of the Pearl River. A tropical storm warning means tropical storm conditions are expected somewhere within the warning area within the next 24 to 36 hours, forecasters said.

The system is expected to reach tropical storm strength soon and will be named Tropical Storm Cindy.

A broad area of showers and thunderstorms has developed to the east of the system and forecasters say 4 to 8 inches of rain, with some totals as high as 10 to 15 inches, are possible.

While the track and strength of the system remain uncertain at this time, forecasters say the chance for rain and thunderstorms will increase tonight and Tuesday, and remain at or near 80 percent through Thursday.

Mayor Ben Zahn strongly encourages residents to inspect and clean out the storm drains near their homes. In the event of street flooding, Mayor Zahn reminds residents and visitors that Kenner Code of Ordinances Section 7-66 makes it illegal for a driver to create wakes that push water into homes or businesses.

If a resident sees a street drain that is clogged with litter and debris, they should call Public Works at (504) 468-7515.

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Residents are urged to monitor TV and radio reports on the most current weather conditions.

Follow the latest on the City of Kenner's Official Government Facebook Page, <https://www.facebook.com/officialcityofkennergovernment/>, as well as the National Weather Service Facebook Page, <https://www.facebook.com/NWSNewOrleans/>,

Mayor Zahn also reminds residents to remain vigilant, and for any families who have not yet done so, to consider creating an emergency plan that includes the entire family – and don't forget the pets.

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