

**FACT SHEET**

**CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA**

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<b><u>TITLE</u></b> AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A PUBLIC EMERGENCY IN CONNECTION WITH THE EMERGENCY REPAIR OF THE MAIN WATER SERVICE LINE AND OTHER EQUIPMENT AT INDEPENDENCE STADIUM AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERE TO.	<b><u>DATE</u></b> Feb. 6, 2024	<b><u>ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT</u></b> SPAR <b><u>COUNCIL DISTRICT</u></b> G <b><u>SPONSOR</u></b>
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**PURPOSE**  
To ratify Emergency repair of the main water services line, fire sprinkler system, toilets.

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**  
On January 15-17, 2024, Shreveport experienced more than 48 hours of below freezing temperatures. These low temperatures caused damage to the main service water line at Independence Stadium. There was over 1300 feet of damaged water line, the fire sprinkler service line and the damage to several toilets and lavatories. Without these repairs there is no water service to the stadium affecting the boilers and fire system, thus there is no heat to the club level, locker rooms and press room, there is also no fire protection. All events have been canceled and the stadium staff moved to temporary offices. SPAR is working with Risk Management, and our Insurance Carriers on the claim for the damage to the stadium. We are concerned about the lack of heat, especially while we are still in the winter season.

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<b><u>TIMETABLE</u></b> Introduction: February 13, 2024 Final Passage: February 27, 2024	<b><u>ATTACHMENT(S)</u></b>
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**SPECIAL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS**  
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<b><u>FINANCES</u></b> \$275,660	<b><u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u></b> Insurance Proceeds/SPAR Budget
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**ALTERNATIVES**  
(1) Adopt the ordinance as submitted, or (2) Amend the ordinance, or (3) Reject the ordinance.

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**RECOMMENDATION**  
It is recommended that the City Council adopt the ordinance.

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**FACT SHEET PREPARED BY:** Shelly Ragle

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**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ OF 2024**

**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A PUBLIC EMERGENCY IN CONNECTION WITH THE EMERGENCY REPAIR OF THE MAIN WATER SERVICE LINE AND OTHER EQUIPMENT AT INDEPENDENCE STADIUM AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**BY:**

**WHEREAS**, Shreveport Public Assembly & Recreation experienced damage to the main water service line, fire sprinkler system, toilets, and lavatories at Independence Stadium; and

**WHEREAS**, this damage to the main service line and equipment was caused by the January 15-17, 2024 freeze event which left the stadium without water, thus causing all events to be canceled, no fire protection, and without heat to the club level and locker rooms; and

**WHEREAS**, Shreveport Public Assembly & Recreation is requesting an emergency declaration to expedite repairs since we are without water, fire protection, and heat in the middle of the winter season; and

**WHEREAS**, Shreveport Public Assembly & Recreation is working with Risk Management and our insurance carriers on a claim for these repairs;

**WHEREAS**, Shreveport Public Assembly & Recreation has enlisted the services of DMR Mechanical to replace the main water line (1,360 feet), insulate the new line, and apply heat tape to the pipe and enlisted Fire Sprinkler Services to repair freeze damage fire sprinkler main under this declared and approved emergency at a total cost of \$275,660.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal, and regular session convened, that the emergency action of Shreveport Public Assembly & Recreation repair to storm damaged main service water line return to service quickly hereby authorized and ratified and that the expenditure of approximately \$275,660 for this purpose is hereby authorized.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that monies for this emergency purchase shall come from the Shreveport Public Assembly & Recreation SPAR budget and insurance proceeds.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that a public emergency is hereby declared and notice of such public emergency shall, within ten days thereof, be published in the official journal of the City of Shreveport proposing or declaring such public emergency in accordance with Section 38:2212(P) of the Louisiana Revised Statutes.

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

**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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**City Attorney's Office**