



St. James Parish Council

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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following entitled ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Parish Council of the Parish of St. James, State of Louisiana, on August 17, 2022, and laid over for publication of notice:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE 22-09 ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 98 “PUBLIC ROADS” OF THE ST. JAMES PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REPEAL ARTICLE 2, SECTIONS 98-21 AND 98-22 AND REPLACE WITH SECTIONS 98-21 AND 98-22 – “INSTALLATION OF CULVERTS”

WHEREAS, the purpose of this ordinance shall be to provide established requirements for the installation of culverts along parish and state highways of St. James Parish; and,

WHEREAS, consistent with the provisions LA R.S. 48:471, the establishment of such culvert installations procedures must meet or exceed the parish’s and state’s standards and/or specifications; and,

WHEREAS, the council hereby shall repeal the current sections 98-21 and 98-22.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the St. James Parish Council that Chapter 98-21 and 98-22 of the St. James Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as shown in Exhibit A hereto and made a part thereof.

EXHIBIT A

Sec. 98-21. Work Order required for installation of culverts and/or driveways connecting to state highways.

Any person wishing to install a driveway or culvert directly connected to a state highway must obtain a permit from the state department of transportation and development, and the installation must then meet or exceed the state’s standards and/or specifications.

Sec. 98-22. Installation of culverts; work order required; specifications; penalties.

- (a) All persons desiring to place culverts in any ditch or canal located within a public right-of-way or within a public servitude of drainage in the parish shall first place a work order in the St. James Parish Work Order System before installation thereof.
- (b) The person desiring such a work order shall make written or verbal request to the department of operations, who shall, within 30 days, issue the work order after investigating the request and determining the required size, location, and grade of the culverts to be installed, including the location, size, and grade of all required catch basins. Any concrete or cement placed over the culvert shall be built in partitions 1½ times the outside diameter of the culvert.
- (c) Work Orders shall be valid for 90 days from issuance. No work shall commence at the site until a work order has been issued.
- (d) Installation of culverts and catch basins shall be in accordance with the work order obtained.
- (e) No fee shall be required.
- (f) Any appeal of the decisions concerning the issuance of such work order shall be made within 30 days to the Director of Operations, who shall, by ordinance, be authorized to affirm, alter, amend, or revoke the work order in question.
- (g) The Department of Operations shall be authorized, without liability for any damages, to remove all culverts or catch basins installed without first obtaining a work order or remove culverts and catch basins impeding the flow of drainage.
- (h) Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall be fined as provided in section 1-13.

NOTICE IS HEREBY, FURTHER, GIVEN that the Parish Council of said Parish will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 31, 2022, in the Council Chambers of the Parish Courthouse Annex, 2631 Hwy 20 in Vacherie, LA at which time there will be a public hearing on the adoption of the aforesaid ordinance.

s/Vondra Etienne-Steib
Chairwoman

s/Linda Hubbell
Secretary

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