



# 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 November 22, 2022, and laid over for publication of notice:

### PROPOSED ORDINANCE 22-17 ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 94, SPECIAL DISTRICTS, ARTICLE III, SECTION 94 OF THE ST. JAMES PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO DISSOLVE SECTION 94-48 - FIRE SERVICE DISTRICT FOR SOUTH VACHERIE FIRE DEPARTMENT, TO DISSOLVE SECTION 94-49 - FIRE SERVICE DISTRICT FOR PAULINA-GRAND POINT-BELMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT, TO DISSOLVE SECTION 94-50 - FIRE SERVICE DISTRICT FOR UNION-CONVENT FIRE DEPARTMENT, TO DISSOLVE SECTION 94-51 - FIRE SERVICE DISTRICT FOR NORTH VACHERIE FIRE DEPARTMENT, DISSOLVE SECTION 94-52 - FIRE SERVICE DISTRICT FOR GRAMERCY FIRE DEPARTMENT, DISSOLVE SECTION 94-53 - FIRE SERVICE DISTRICT FOR UNION-CONVENT FIRE DEPARTMENT, DISSOLVE SECTION 94-54 - FIRE SERVICE DISTRICT FOR NORTH VACHERIE FIRE DEPARTMENT, DISSOLVE SECTION 94-55 - FIRE SERVICE DISTRICT FOR SOUTH VACHERIE FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND TO AMEND SECTION 94-47 - FIRE SERVICE DISTRICT FOR THE ST. JAMES FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the St. James Parish Council may create fire protection districts pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute 40:1491, et seq.;

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 94 Article III of the St. James Parish Code of Ordinances provides for Fire Protection Districts; and,

**WHEREAS**, the St. James Parish Council's goal is to maintain public safety for their citizens;

**WHEREAS**, the St. James Parish Council's recognizes the need for fire protection to preserve life and property;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, the St. James Parish Council is amending Chapter 94, Special Districts, Article III, Section 94, to dissolve section 94-48 - Fire Service District for South Vacherie Fire Department, to dissolve section 94-49 - Fire Service District for Paulina-Grand Point-Belmont Fire Department, to dissolve section 94-50 - Fire Service District for Union-Convent Fire Department, to dissolve section 94-51 - Fire Service District for North Vacherie Fire Department, dissolve section 94-52 - Fire Service District for Gramercy Fire Department, dissolve section 94-53 - Fire Service District for Union-Convent Fire Department, dissolve section 94-54 - Fire Service District for North Vacherie Fire Department, dissolve section 94-55 - Fire Service District for South Vacherie Fire Department, and to amend section 94-47 - Fire Service District for the St. James Fire Department;

94-47 - Fire Service District for the St. James Fire Department

(a) The area of service and responsibility for providing firefighting services by the St. James Fire Department to the Town of Lutchet, Town of Gramercy, and the unincorporated settlements of St. James Parish is formally established as follows for three service districts:

- 1) West Bank Service District – Being in the portion of the parish on the west bank of the Mississippi River, located in the Town of St. James, beginning at the intersection of the St. James-Ascension Parish line and LA Highway 3127; thence easterly along the St. James-Ascension Parish line to its intersection with the center of the Mississippi River; thence southerly and easterly along the center of the Mississippi River to its intersection with the St. James-St. John the Baptist Parish line; thence southerly along the St. James-St. John the Baptist Parish line to its intersection to its intersection with the St. James-Lafourche Parish line; thence westerly along the St. James-Lafourche Parish line to its intersection with the St. James-Assumption Parish line; thence northerly along the Assumption Parish line to its intersection with LA Highway 3127, the point of beginning.
- 2) East Bank Service District – Being in the portion of the parish on the east bank of the Mississippi River, located in the Town of Convent, beginning at the intersection of the center of the Mississippi River and the St. James-Ascension Parish line; thence northerly and easterly along the St. James-Ascension Parish line to its intersection of the East St. James Canal; thence southerly and easterly along the center of the East St. James Canal to its intersection with the M2 and Lateral 4 Canal to its intersection with US 61; thence across US 61 in a northeasterly direction along an imaginary line for one thousand feet; thence easterly parallel along US 61 to its intersection with LA 641; thence southerly along LA 641/LA 3213 to the center of the Mississippi River to its intersection with the St. James-St. John the Baptist Parish line; thence returning along the center of the Mississippi River to the point of beginning.

<b>Alvin St. Pierre, Jr.</b>	<b>Jason Amato</b>	<b>Ryan Louque</b>	<b>Mason Bland</b>	<b>Clyde Cooper</b>	<b>Vondra Steib</b>	<b>Donald Nash</b>
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District 1

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District 6

District 7

3) East Bank Unpopulated Service District – Being in the outer portion of the parish on the east bank of the Mississippi River, beginning at the St. James-Ascension Parish line and intersection of the East St. James Canal; thence southerly and easterly along the center of the East St. James Canal to its intersection with the M2 and Lateral 4 Canal to its intersection with US 61; thence across US 61 in a northeasterly direction along an imaginary line for one thousand feet; thence easterly parallel along US 61 to its intersection with LA 641; thence southerly along LA 641/LA 3213 to the center of the Mississippi River to its intersection with the St. James-St. John the Baptist Parish line; thence easterly to the St. James-St. John the Baptist Parish Line; thence following the St. James-St. John the Baptist Parish Line to the northern St. James-Ascension Parish line; thence westerly along the St. James-Ascension Parish line to the point of beginning.

(b) The St. James Fire Department is formally recognized as the volunteer fire company responsible for providing firefighting services in the areas designated in subsection (a) and is determined to be the organization entitled to receive revenues allocated from a portion of fire insurance premiums collected from that area and from any other sources available.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY, FURTHER, GIVEN** that the Parish Council of said Parish will meet at 6:00p.m. on Wednesday, December 7, 2022, in the Council Chambers of the Parish Courthouse at 5800 Hwy 44, in Convent, Louisiana 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

*Note: St. James Parish will provide, upon request, reasonable accommodation to any disabled individual wishing to attend the meeting. Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation is requested to contact 1-800-846-5277 (TDD), 1-800-947-5277 (Voice) or 562-2400 (Handicapped) to discuss the particular accommodation needed.*