

PARISH RESOLUTION NO. PR-006-2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE LAFAYETTE PARISH COUNCIL ORDERING AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE PARISH OF LAFAYETTE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TO AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL OF SPECIAL TAXES THEREIN AND THE REDEDICATION OF A SPECIAL TAX THEREIN; MAKING APPLICATION TO THE STATE BOND COMMISSION IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

BE IT RESOLVED by the Lafayette Parish Council, that:

SECTION 1: Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, including Article VI, Section 27 thereof, the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority provisions, a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana (the "Parish") on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2021**, between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at the said election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

**PROPOSITION NO. 1 OF 4
(AIRPORT MILLAGE RENEWAL)**

Shall the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy and collect a special tax of one and seventy-one hundredths (1.71) mills on all property subject to taxation in the Parish, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2023 and ending with the year 2032 (an estimated \$3,765,500 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for the purpose of improving, maintaining and operating the Lafayette Regional Airport?

**PROPOSITION NO. 2 OF 4
(DRAINAGE MILLAGE CONTINUATION)**

Shall the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy and collect a special tax of three and fifty-eight hundredths (3.58) mills on all property subject to taxation in the Parish, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2023 and ending with the year 2032 (an estimated \$7,883,300 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for the purpose of maintaining, operating and improving drainage works within and for the Parish, said millage to represent a twenty-four hundredths of a mill (.24) increase (due to reappraisal) over the 3.34 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2022 pursuant to an election held on November 6, 2012?

**PROPOSITION NO. 3 OF 4
(LIBRARY MILLAGE RENEWAL)**

Shall the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy and collect a one and eighty-four hundredths (1.84) mills tax on all property subject to taxation within the Parish for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2023 and ending with the year 2032 (an estimated \$4,051,700 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for the purpose of constructing, improving, maintaining and

operating public libraries in the Parish, including the acquisition of equipment, books, materials and supplies?

PROPOSITION NO. 4 OF 4
(PUBLIC HEALTH MILLAGE REDEDICATION)

Shall the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), be authorized to rededicate the proceeds heretofore or hereafter received by the Parish from the levy and collection of a 2.21 mills tax (the "Tax") on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$4,860,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), said Tax authorized to be levied through 2025 pursuant to Proposition No. 3 at an election held on November 18, 2017, for the following purposes: (i) 1.98 mills for the purpose of constructing, improving, maintaining, operating and supporting public health units, mosquito and other arthropod abatement and control facilities and programs and animal control facilities and programs, acquiring furnishings and equipment therefor, and paying mandated expenses of the coroner; and (ii) .23 mills for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and operating fire protection facilities, vehicles and equipment, including both movable and immovable property, that are to be used to provide fire protection in the Parish?

SECTION 2: Publication of Notice of Election. A Notice of Special Election shall be published in *The Advertiser*, a newspaper of general circulation within the Parish, published in Lafayette, Louisiana, and being the official journal of the Governing Authority, once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than 45 days nor more than 90 days prior to the date of the election, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to the publication of the Notice of Election, the Clerk of the Council is authorized and directed to make any amendments to the foregoing propositions that may be required to comply with any state or federal regulatory agencies.

SECTION 3: Canvass. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Council Auditorium, 705 West University Avenue, Lafayette, Louisiana, on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021, at FOUR-THIRTY O'CLOCK (4:30) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election.

SECTION 4: Polling Places. The polling places for the precincts set forth in the aforesaid Notice of Special Election are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 5: Election Commissioners; Voting Machines. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the said special election as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said election for

the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the Parish will be entitled to vote at the special election, and voting machines shall be used.

SECTION 6: Authorization of Officers. The Lafayette Clerk of the Council is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election and the Lafayette Mayor-President and/or the Lafayette Clerk of the Council are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the election.

SECTION 7: Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials. Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Parish Custodian of Voting Machines of Lafayette Parish and the Registrar of Voters of Lafayette Parish, as notification of the special election, in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 8: Application to State Bond Commission. Application is made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the special election as herein provided, and in the event said election carries for further consent and authority to continue to levy and collect the special taxes provided for therein. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

SECTION 9: All resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote on behalf of the Council thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Naquin, Carlson, Guilbeau, Rubin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

AND the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 20th day of April, 2021.

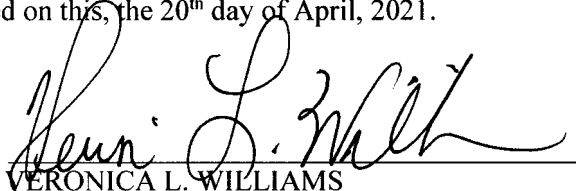

VERONICA L. WILLIAMS
LAFAYETTE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

EXHIBIT "A"

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Lafayette Parish Council (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), on April 20, 2021, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the Parish on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2021**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

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The said special election shall be held at the polling places for the following precincts, which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to wit:

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The polling places for the precincts set forth above are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$155,000.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the taxes described in the Propositions shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of

Chapter 5, Chapter 6-A and Chapter 6-B of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Council Auditorium, 705 West University Avenue, Lafayette, Louisiana, on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021, at FOUR-THIRTY O'CLOCK (4:30) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the Parish are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Lafayette, Louisiana, on this, the 20th day of April, 2021.

ATTEST:

/s/ John J. Guilbeau
Chairman

/s/ Veronica L. Williams
Lafayette Clerk of the Council

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF LAFAYETTE

I, the undersigned Lafayette Clerk of the Council, do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of the proceedings taken by the Lafayette Parish Council on April 20, 2021, ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana to authorize the renewal of special taxes therein and to authorize the rededication of a special tax therein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature at Lafayette, Louisiana, on this, the 20th day of April, 2021.

VERONICA L. WILLIAMS
LAFAYETTE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

LAFAYETTE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTAL FORM

- 1) **JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST:** A resolution of the Lafayette Parish Council ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of special taxes therein and the rededication of a special tax therein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.
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- 2) **ACTION REQUESTED:** Adoption of Resolution

- 3) **REQUESTED ACTION OF LAFAYETTE CITY-PARISH COUNCIL:**

A) INTRODUCTION: 04-20-2021

B) FINAL ADOPTION: 04-20-2021

- 4) **DOCUMENTATION INCLUDED WITH THIS REQUEST:**

- A) Resolution
- B) Submittal Form
- C) Certificate
- D) Notice of Election

- 5) **FISCAL IMPACT:**

_____ Fiscal Impact (Explain)

 X No Fiscal Impact

AUTHORED BY:

/s/ John Guilbeau

JOHN GUILBEAU, CHAIR

LAFAYETTE PARISH COUNCIL