

**PARISH RESOLUTION NO. PR-013-2024**

**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 CONTINUATION OF SPECIAL TAXES THEREIN, MAKING APPLICATION TO THE STATE BOND COMMISSION, 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 26 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, MARCH 29, 2025**, 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 2  
(MILLAGE CONTINUATION)**

Shall the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a special tax of 4.47 mills on all property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$12,743,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, for the purpose of constructing, improving and maintaining roads and bridges in the Parish, said millage to be continued at the rate currently being levied, representing a 0.30 mill increase (due to reappraisal) over the 4.17 mills authorized to be levied through the year 2026 pursuant to an election held on March 28, 2015?

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

Shall the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a special tax of 3.81 mills (the "Tax") on all property subject to taxation in the Parish, for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2026 and ending with the year 2035 (an estimated \$10,861,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), for the following purposes: (i) 1.24 mills for constructing, acquiring, improving and maintaining drains and drainage facilities in the Parish; (ii) 0.422 mills for providing fire protection in the Parish and all costs affiliated thereto; (iii) 0.078 mills for constructing, improving, and maintaining roads and bridges in the Parish; and (iv) 2.07 mills for 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, said millage to be continued at the rate currently being levied, representing a 0.25 mill increase (due to reappraisal) over the 3.56 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2025 pursuant to an election held on March 28, 2015?

**SECTION 2:** Publication of Notice of Election. A Notice of Special Election shall be published in the official journal of the Parish 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 Lafayette 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, MAY 6, 2025, 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 in the Parish 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 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:** Employment of Counsel. This Governing Authority finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of special counsel on matters related to the special election, and accordingly, Foley & Judell, L.L.P., is hereby employed as special counsel for said purpose for a term not exceeding one (1) year from the date of this resolution. The fee to be paid said special counsel shall be an amount computed at hourly rate based on the Attorney General's then current Maximum Hourly Fee Schedule, not to exceed \$1,000 in the aggregate, together with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses, and the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to pay such invoices as and when presented. The scope of this legal representation does not involve federal claims.

**SECTION 10:** Repealer. 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:

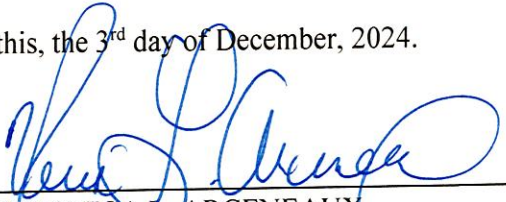
YEAS: Tabor, Richard, Stansbury, Guilbeau, Rubin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

AND the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2024.

  
 VERONICA L. ARCENEAUX  
 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 December 3, 2024, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the Parish on **SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025**, 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 each and every polling place in the Parish, 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.

The polling places for the precincts in the Parish 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 \$246,600.

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, MAY 6, 2025**, 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.

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 December 3, 2024, ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana to authorize the continuation of special taxes therein, making application to the State Bond Commission, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature at Lafayette, Louisiana, on this, the \_\_\_ day of December, 2024.

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VERONICA L. ARCENEUX  
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 continuation of special taxes therein, making application to the State Bond Commission, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

2) **ACTION REQUESTED:** Adoption of resolution

3) **COUNCIL DISTRICT(S) (CIP PROGRAM/PROJECTS ONLY):** N/A

4) **REQUESTED ACTION OF COUNCIL:**

A) INTRODUCTION: December 3, 2024

B) FINAL ADOPTION: December 3, 2024

5) **DOCUMENTATION INCLUDED WITH THIS REQUEST:**

A) Resolution (3 pages)

B) Exhibit A – Notice of Special Election (2 pages)

C) Resolution Certificate (1 page)

6) **FISCAL IMPACT:**

  X   Fiscal Impact (Explain)

       No Fiscal Impact

RECOMMENDED BY:

/s/Rachel Godeaux  
Rachel Godeaux  
Chief Administrative Officer

