

CITY ORDINANCE NO. CO-115-2025

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE LAFAYETTE CITY COUNCIL DECLARING THE ST. JOHN STREET SIDEWALKS PROJECT A PUBLIC NECESSITY AND AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF THE NECESSARY RIGHTS-OF-WAY, IMMOVABLE PROPERTY AND OTHER PROPERTY RIGHTS REQUISITE TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF SAID PROJECT, EITHER ON AN AMICABLE BASIS OR THROUGH THE PROPER USE OF THE EXPROPRIATION PROCESS, IF NECESSARY**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Lafayette City Council, that:

**WHEREAS**, the Lafayette City Council has declared the St. John Street Sidewalk Project (hereinafter referred to as "Project") a public necessity; and

**WHEREAS**, the public purpose to be served by the construction of said is to provide for improvement of public safety at this location; and

**WHEREAS**, the project limits are shown on the attached Exhibit "A" and generally includes, but may not be limited to, changes to the typical section of roadway in order to construct a ten (10') foot shared use path along the west side of the roadway (St. John's Cathedral side) and a six (6') foot sidewalks meeting ADA requirements on the east side of the roadway; and

**WHEREAS**, design work is progressing to a point wherein it is determined that certain tracts of land or portions thereof will be required for construction of the Project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** by the Lafayette City Council, that:

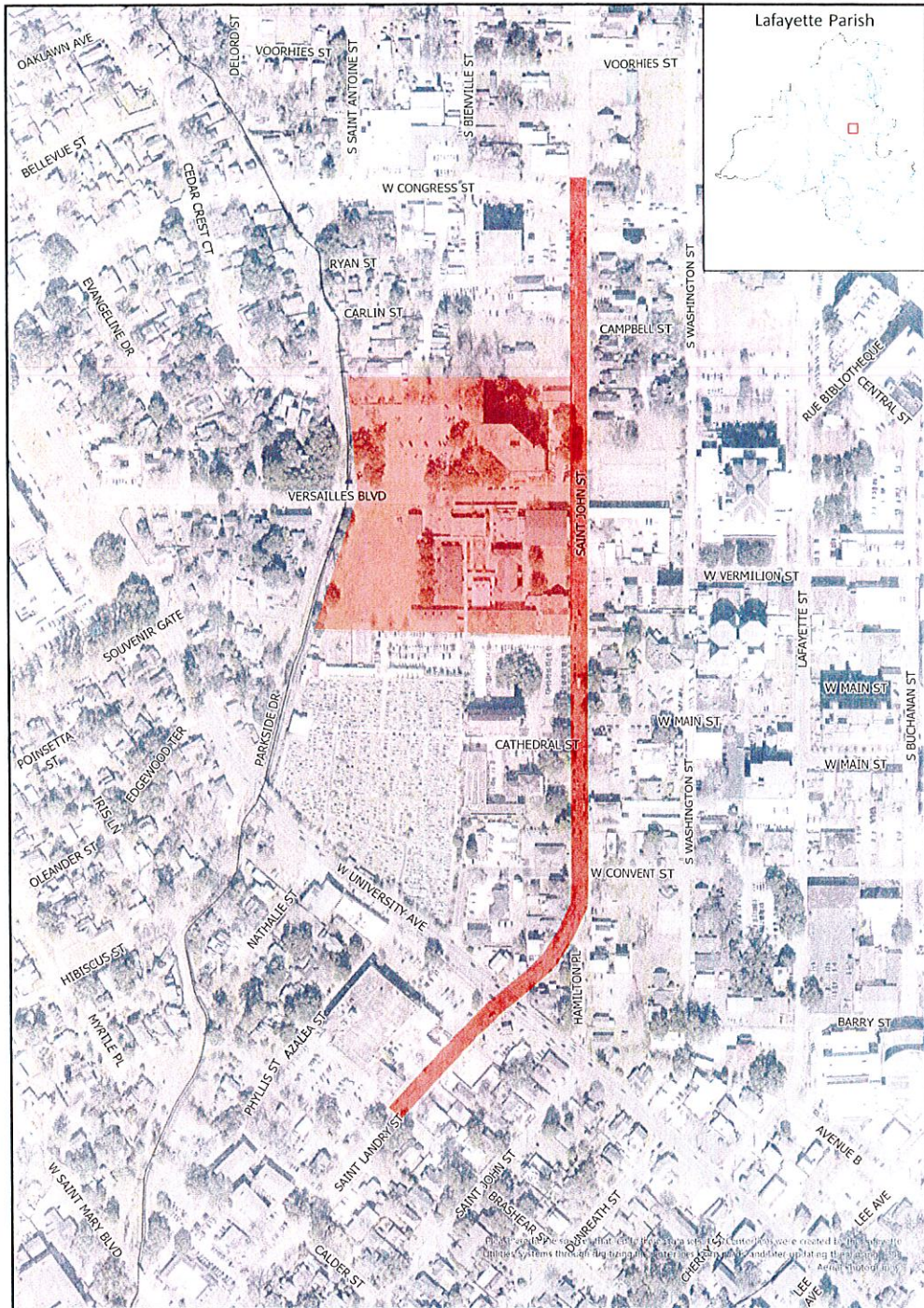
**SECTION 1:** All of the aforescribed "Whereas" clauses are adopted as part of this ordinance.

**SECTION 2:** The Lafayette Mayor-President is hereby authorized to acquire such land, immovable property, rights-of-way, servitudes, or other property rights as are determined to be necessary under good engineering standards to provide for the construction of said project; and she is authorized to do so on an amicable basis or by the proper use of the power of expropriation granted to municipalities under applicable State law. In pursuing said land, immovable property, rights-of-way acquisitions, she is authorized to acquire said land, immovable property, rights-of-way and to settle the matters thus presented, on such terms and conditions as he shall deem proper and in the best interest of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government.

**SECTION 3:** All ordinances or resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 4:** This ordinance shall become effective upon signature of the Lafayette Mayor-President, the elapse of ten (10) days after receipt by the Lafayette Mayor-President without signature or veto, or upon an override of a veto, whichever occurs first.

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St John Street  
Sidewalks PW#2024





## Internal Memorandum

Public Works Department  
Director's Office (5200)

**TO:** Rachel Godeaux

**DATE:** September 9, 2025

**FROM:** Warren Abadie

**SUBJECT:** **St. John Street Project – Public Necessity**  
*Agenda Item*

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Plans for the referenced project have reached a point where it is in order to have an ordinance declaring public necessity adopted to begin negotiations for acquisition of rights-of-way. The project consists of generally roadway, drainage, utility, and sidewalk improvements.

The attached is being submitted as a City Ordinance because the project is located within the City.

If you approve, please place this on the City Council agenda to be introduced on Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>.

Please let me know if you should have any questions or need additional information.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'W. Abadie', written over a horizontal line.

**Warren Abadie**  
*Director of Public Works*

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Attachment: Agenda Item Submittal Packet

cc: Tara Cazares  
Miki Briggs  
Project File

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LAFAYETTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTAL FORM

1) JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST: An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council declaring the St. John Street Project a public necessity and authorizing the acquisition of the necessary rights-of-way, immovable property and other property rights requisite to the construction of said project, either on an amicable basis or through the proper use of the expropriation process if necessary.

2) ACTION REQUESTED: Adoption of Ordinance

3) COUNCIL DISTRICT(S) (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

If this involves a budget revision, please complete a budgetary revision form.

4) REQUESTED ACTION OF COUNCIL:

A) INTRODUCTION: October 7, 2025

B) FINAL ADOPTION: October 21, 2025

5) DOCUMENTATION INCLUDED WITH THIS REQUEST:

A) Cover letter (1 page)

B) Submittal Form (1 page)

C) Ordinance (2 pages)

D) Vicinity Map (1 page)

6) FISCAL IMPACT:

\_\_\_\_\_ Fiscal Impact (Explain)

X No Fiscal Impact

RECOMMENDED BY:



WARREN ABADIE  
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:



RACHEL GODEAUX  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER