

**PARISH RESOLUTION NO. PR-002-2026**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE LAFAYETTE PARISH COUNCIL APPROVING THE  
BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES OF THE ACADIANA  
CRIMINALISTICS LABORATORY FOR FY 2026**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Lafayette Parish Council, that:

**WHEREAS**, the Acadiana Criminalistics Laboratory has submitted to the Lafayette Parish Council its annual budget for FY 2026 attached hereto and made a part of this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, La. R.S. 40:2266.1(E) requires that the budget be approved annually by the governing authorities of the parishes that are represented on the Criminalistics Laboratory Commission.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Lafayette Parish Council, that:

**SECTION 1:** All of the aforescribed “Whereas” clauses are adopted as part of this resolution.

**SECTION 2:** The Lafayette Parish Council, in accordance with state legislation, approves the FY 2026 annual budget of the Acadiana Criminalistics Laboratory, said budget to be effective on January 1, 2026.

**SECTION 3:** All resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.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 Lafayette Parish Council thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Richard, Stansbury, Guilbeau, Rubin

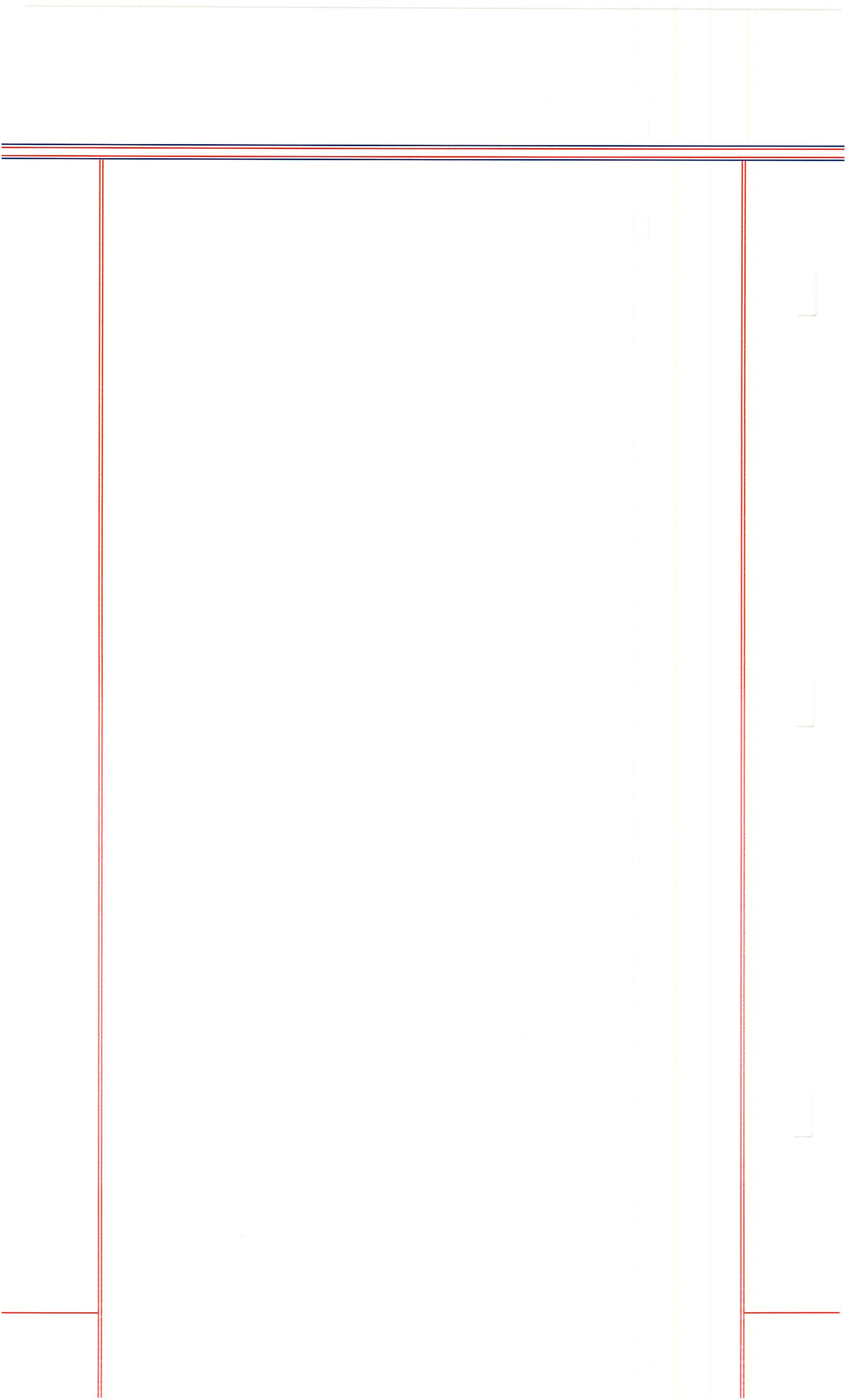
NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

AND the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026.

  
JOSEPH GORDON-WILTZ  
LAFAYETTE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL



# 2026 Proposed Budget

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REVENUE

CODE	ACCOUNT TITLE	2024 ACTUAL Audited	2025 JAN-SEP	2025 PROJECTED	2025 BUDGET	PROPOSED 2026 BUDGET
2500	TO (FROM) FUND BALANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(300,000.00)
3100	COURT COSTS	2,617,660.00	2,066,623.11	2,755,497.48	2,702,870.39	2,755,497.48
3101	COST OF INVESTIGATION	0.00	11,793.13	23,586.26	20,759.48	23,586.26
3150	BOOKING FEES	0.00	14,833.80	29,667.60	23,961.71	29,667.60
3300	GRANTS - State	0.00	0.00	1,300,000.00	1,300,000.00	1,000,000.00
3350	GRANTS - Federal	15,500,466.00	693,704.21	712,399.51	727,984.00	955,094.00
3400	MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	7,645.00	5,327.43	7,103.24	23,517.92	7,103.24
3450	INTEREST EARNINGS	10,142.00	1,286.47	1,672.41	50.54	1,672.41
3500	EXPERT WITNESS FEES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3600	DONATIONS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3700	ANALYTICAL FEES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3900	BUDGET DEFICIT PAYMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3805	CAPITAL OUTLAY MATCH - Regular	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3800	CAPITAL OUTLAY MATCH - Special	0.00	15,537,549.12	17,721,846.80	18,597,358.20	0.00
	TOTAL	\$18,135,913.00	\$18,331,117.27	\$22,551,773.30	\$23,396,502.24	\$4,472,620.99

NOTES:

- \* Projected 2026 Court Cost Revenue based on 2025 estimates through September 30, 2025
- \* \$300,000 in the proposed 2026 budget (Fund Balance) is the 2026 projected revenue surplus  
Revenue surplus is part of the \$1,000,000 direct appropriation in the 2026 budget
- \* \$1,000,000 in the 2026 budget (Grants-State) is a direct appropriation payable out of the State General Fund to the Acadiana Crime Lab as a result of the passage of House Bill 460 (Act No. 461) in 2025 Session; Funds will be expended in 2026 budget for operational expenditures
- \* \$955,094 in the proposed 2026 budget (Grants - Federal) is dedicated to equipment and personnel
- \* Grants were obtained for 2020 - 2025 as outlined in the attached presentation
- \* Court Costs for DWI and Title 40 drug convictions include \$50 for the crime lab;  
Title 14 criminal convictions, operating a vehicle with expired inspection sticker, driver's license, or without driver's license on person, improper use of safety belt, and Title 56 offenses, generate \$10
- \* Title 32 traffic violations generate \$30
- \* RS 40:2266.1.1 assesses additional court cost fees for misdemeanor offenses (\$50) and felony offenses (\$150) for DWI and Title 40 drug convictions, Title 14 criminal convictions, and city/parish misdemeanor ordinances
- \* A separate agreement with Lafayette Consolidated Government City Court Division provides \$250,000 yearly to the Acadiana Crime Lab effective January 2022

As of 12/31/2024		As of 06/30/2025	
Regions Bank Account	\$1,020,927.50	Regions Bank Account	\$655,686.92
LAMP Account	\$1,403.32	LAMP Account	\$1,434.21
Total Balance	\$1,022,330.82	Total Balance	\$657,121.13
As of 09/30/2025			
Regions Bank Account	\$502,611.38		
LAMP Account	\$1,449.94		
Total Balance	\$504,061.32		

EXPENDITURES

CODE	ACCOUNT TITLE	2024 ACTUAL Audited	2025 JAN-SEP	2025 PROJECTED	2025 BUDGET	PROPOSED 2026 BUDGET	CHANGES RE 2025 PROJ
4100	SALARIES	2,052,504.00	1,251,044.17	1,685,253.00	1,685,253.00	1,744,182.00	3.5%
4110	PAROCHIAL RETIREMENT Employer share changed to 11.00% in 2025, from 11.50% in 2022, from 12.25% in 2020, from 11.50% in 2018, from 12.50% in 2017, from 13.00% in 2016, from 14.50% in 2015, from 16.00% in 2014 (employee pays 9.50%).	0.00	153,484.55	185,377.83	185,377.83	191,860.02	3.5%
4120	GROUP INSURANCE Health Insurance through LA Blue Cross Blue Shield	0.00	145,007.63	188,509.92	195,874.17	205,240.44	8.9%
4130	WORKMAN'S COMP.	9,835.00	7,926.54	10,304.50	9,590.74	10,304.50	0.0%
4150	FICA MEDICARE TAX This tax is 1.45 percent of the salary of all employees hired after 31 March 1986.	0.00	14,218.28	24,436.17	24,436.17	25,290.64	3.5%
4175	OUTSIDE SERVICES	0.00	4,549.05	5,913.77	5,310.78	5,913.77	0.0%
4200	REIMBURSED MILEAGE Mileage reimbursed @ \$0.70/mile for travel to court, crime scenes, etc., in personal vehicle.	0.00	1,166.28	1,516.16	3,524.29	1,516.16	0.0%
4210	TRAINING, (inc. travel) In state and out of state training, including tuition, registration, lodging, meals, and airfare or mileage. Also includes commission meeting expenses.	25,725.00	20,199.65	26,259.55	20,000.00	20,000.00	-23.8%
4300	ADS, DUES, SUBSCRIPTIONS Ads (bids, jobs, eqpt. for sale); Dues to professional organizations; Subscriptions to scientific journals.	0.00	3,054.14	3,970.38	3,722.68	3,970.38	0.0%
4310	PRINTING Printing of forms, letterhead, envelopes, purchase orders, etc.	0.00	560.00	728.00	1,000.00	728.00	0.0%
4320	UTILITIES Electricity, Water, and Sewerage.	51,816.00	64,176.74	169,176.74	60,938.80	416,320.39	146.1%
4330	COMMUNICATIONS Telephone (local and long distance), cellular phone, internet service.	0.00	12,862.24	16,720.91	28,978.36	19,560.00	17.0%
4340	RENTALS, EQUIPMENT Postage meter; Compressed gas cylinders; Copiers.	39,485.00	28,327.64	36,825.93	44,500.00	44,700.00	21.4%
4350	MAINTENANCE (NON-AUTO) Repairs to scientific instruments, maintainance of buildings and grounds, janitorial service, garbage Collection, Alarm Monitoring, Security Service; Service Contracts	106,901.00	63,508.25	111,230.00	111,230.00	140,790.00	26.6%
4351	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE Repairs and maintenance of laboratory vehicle.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	N.A.
4360	INSURANCE Property; Liability; Flood; Fidelity Bond.	93,811.00	126,538.09	206,496.82	123,956.08	264,045.66	27.9%
4403	PENALTIES & INTEREST	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	N.A.
4400	OFFICE SUPPLIES General supplies and paper.	24,211.00	20,846.52	27,100.48	22,439.82	22,439.82	-17.2%
4404	POSTAGE & SHIPPING	1,192.00	1,248.09	1,622.52	1,054.84	1,622.52	0.0%

PROPOSED 2026 BUDGET

ACADIANA CRIMINALISTICS LABORATORY

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EXPENDITURES

CODE	ACCOUNT TITLE	2024 ACTUAL	2025 JAN-SEP	2025 PROJECTED	2025 BUDGET	PROPOSED 2026 BUDGET	CHANGES RE 2025 PROJ
4410	LAB SUPPLIES - General General lab supplies.	333,296.00	21,132.58	27,472.35	8,484.16	15,000.00	-45.4%
4412	LAB SUPPLIES - Biology DNA and general biological supplies.	0.00	217,927.50	283,305.75	214,000.00	250,000.00	-11.8%
4414	LAB SUPPLIES - Chemistry Drug chemistry, blood alcohol, fire debris , and FIDO supplies.	0.00	16,990.73	22,087.95	23,000.00	23,000.00	4.1%
4416	LAB SUPPLIES - Physical Firearms, trace, photography supplies.	0.00	2,466.79	3,206.83	3,104.35	4,000.00	24.7%
4420	LIBRARY MATERIALS Books, video and compact discs, and materials of library or museum value.	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.0%
4430	VEHICLE SUPPLIES Gasoline and oil for the laboratory vehicle.	0.00	1,361.14	1,769.48	2,153.44	1,769.48	0.0%
4440	MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES Supplies used for maintenance of property and equipment: Paint, parts, pesticide, etc.	2,434.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.0%
4500	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES Physical examinations and vaccines for new employees; Medical testing of current employees; Photo developing and printing; Proficiency testing; Annual financial audit; Lab accreditation inspection.	83,360.00	102,836.34	133,687.24	90,400.00	81,400.00	-10.0%
4510	LAB/OFFICE SERVICES Part-time Services provided in Office and Lab	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	N.A.
4700	EQUIPMENT PURCHASES Equipment will be chosen as needed to replace or augment laboratory equipment from the following: Miscellaneous small equipment; Laboratory computers; Printers; Microscopes; Gas chromatographs; Automobile; Cameras	15,470,702.00	81,508.15	105,960.60	1,200,000.00	20,000.00	-81.1%
4800	Miscellaneous	11,953.00	2,210.16	2,873.21	1,830.53	2,873.21	0.0%
5305	GRANT - LCLE Coverdell	0.00	33,160.00	33,160.00	33,160.00	32,348.00	N.A.
5511	GRANT - LCLE CESF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	N.A.
5512	GRANT - LCLE JRI	0.00	427,779.00	427,779.00	436,086.00	710,646.00	N.A.
5513	GRANT - Backlog/Capacity (Equip.)	352,753.00	96,304.00	96,304.00	88,086.00	66,881.00	N.A.
5514	GRANT - Backlog/Capacity (Cases)	0.00	119,351.16	155,156.51	170,652.00	145,219.00	N.A.
4701	Capital Outlay Match - Regular	0.00	5,858.20	5,858.20	0.00	0.00	N.A.
4702	Capital Outlay Match - Special		16,257,847.91	18,551,709.51	18,597,358.20	0.00	N.A.
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$18,659,978.00	\$19,305,451.52	\$22,551,773.30	\$23,396,502.24	\$4,472,620.99	-80.9%
	OPERATING EXPENDITURES				\$2,871,160.04	\$3,482,182.33	21.3%
	EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES			\$0.00		\$0.00	

**LAFAYETTE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTAL FORM**

- 1) **JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST:** A resolution of the Lafayette Parish Council approving the budget of revenues and expenditures of the Acadiana Criminalistics Laboratory for FY 2026.  
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- 2) **ACTION REQUESTED:** Adoption of Resolution \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) **REQUESTED ACTION OF LAFAYETTE CITY COUNCIL:**  
A) INTRODUCTION: 02-10-2026  
B) FINAL ADOPTION: 02-10-2026
- 4) **DOCUMENTATION INCLUDED WITH THIS REQUEST:**  
A) Resolution  
B) Submittal Form
- 5) **FISCAL IMPACT:**  
\_\_\_\_\_ Fiscal Impact (Explain)  
X \_\_\_\_\_ No Fiscal Impact

AUTHORED BY:  
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DONALD RICHARD, CHAIR  
LAFAYETTE PARISH COUNCIL, DISTRICT 2

