

# **St. Charles Parish Department of Planning & Zoning**

## **Land Use Report**

### **Case Number: 2020-04-ORD**

#### **Introduced by Matthew Jewell, Parish President/Dept. of Planning and Zoning**

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Code of Ordinance, Chapter 6 Buildings and Building Regulations, Article II, Section 6-14 Permit Application to require a traffic impact analysis.

#### **Background**

A traffic impact analysis or study (TIA) is a document that reports the estimated effect that traffic generated by a proposed development will have on the capacity, the operations, and/or the safety of a street system. Parishes and municipalities throughout Louisiana require TIAs as part of the development process to protect their street system from congestion and maintain safe travel.

The Parish President, through the Department of Planning and Zoning, proposes that all new commercial/industrial developments and all expansions of 50% or greater requiring a building permit and all multi-family developments should be required to submit a TIA and has prepared standards and procedures to do so for adoption into the Subdivision Regulations of 1981, as amended.

The standard includes three levels an analysis based on the estimated level of traffic generated by new development.

The Parish Council discussed an ordinance to adopt a TIA at both regular Council meetings and Legislative Committee meetings.

#### **Potential outcomes**

- Improved street functionality for Parish residents.
- Improved and informed quantitative data for residents regarding traffic.
- Additional cost for developments that meet the threshold that requires a TIA.

#### **Recommendation**

Approval, as the attached ordinance is slightly revised to refer to the "ST. CHARLES PARISH Traffic Impact Analysis POLICY" by the number of the Council resolution if it is adopted.