



Department of Planning & Zoning Staff Report – Text Amendment Case No. 2025-3-ORD

**Introduced by Matthew Jewell
Parish President**

An ordinance to amend Section XX.E.1 of the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, as amended, to add general standards for new and replacement water supply systems to the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance

BACKGROUND

On January 24, staff received the requirements to complete a five-year performance review by the State Department of Transportation & Development, Office of Public Works and Water Resources /Floodplain Management Section.

One of the requirements was to add standards for new and replacement sewer systems. Staff reviewed the ordinance and found that the standard was in the ordinance *verbatim* as the reviewing agency has requested.

Staff inquired with the reviewers and agreed that the language that *is* missing from the local ordinance pertains to water supply systems rather than sewer systems as the review letter had indicated.

The proposed ordinance adds the general standard for new and replacement water supply systems that the model ordinance contains.

POTENTIAL OUTCOMES

The additional language will help staff close the five-year performance review successfully. The additional language will not affect the way building permit staff and floodplain managers administer the Parish Flood Damage Prevention Program.

The Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance was developed using FEMA's model ordinance. Despite the omission of the specific general regulation for water supply systems, permit staff and floodplain managers require water supply systems to meet the standard based on other similar requirements.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Approval