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**2016-0111**

**INTRODUCED BY: LARRY COCHRAN, PARISH PRESIDENT  
(DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 6205**

A resolution adopting a Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire as a required part of St. Charles Parish's annual financial and compliance audit.

**WHEREAS,** The Legislative Auditor requires that a Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire be completed by the Parish and adopted by the Parish Council; and,

**WHEREAS,** The questionnaire must be presented to the auditor at the beginning of the annual audit; and,

**WHEREAS,** The auditor will test the accuracy of the response to the questionnaire during the course of his audit.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL,** do hereby resolve that the attached Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for St. Charles Parish be and is hereby adopted.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: BENEDETTO, HOGAN, WILSON, CLULEE, GIBBS, WOODRUFF, BELLOCK, FLETCHER, FISHER-PERRIER  
NAYS: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE

And the resolution was declared adopted this 7th day of March, 2016 to become effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

CHAIRMAN: Wendy Benedetto  
SECRETARY: Tiffany K. Clark vb  
DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: 3/9/16  
APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ DISAPPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
PARISH PRESIDENT: \_\_\_\_\_  
RETD/SECRETARY: 3/9/16  
AT: 2:50 pm RECD BY: Jrc vb

## LOUISIANA COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE

February 26, 2016

Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC  
3501 N. Causeway Blvd., Suite 810  
Metairie, LA 70009-6952

In connection with your audit of our financial statements of the Parish of St Charles for the year ended December 31, 2015 for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to the fair presentation of our financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, to assess our system of internal control as a part of your audit, and to review our compliance with applicable laws and regulations, we confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the following representations. These representations are based on the information available to us as of February 26, 2016.

### PART I. AGENCY PROFILE

- Name and address of the organization.  
Parish of St. Charles  
P. O. Box 302  
Hahnville, LA 70057
- List the population of the municipality or parish based upon the last official United States Census or most recent official census (municipalities and police juries only). Include the source of the information.  
Estimated Population: 52,745                      Source: South Central Planning & Development Commission
- List names, addresses, and telephone numbers of entity officials. [Include elected/appointed members of the governing board, chief executive and fiscal officer, and legal counsel.]

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE NUMBER</u>
V. J. St. Pierre, Jr.	Parish President	41 Elmwood Drive Destrehan, LA 70047	(W) 985-783-5000 (H) 985-764-9383
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<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE NUMBER</u>
William Billy Woodruff	Councilman District II	192 Boras Lane Des Allemands, LA 70030	(H) 985-306-0281
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Traci A. Fletcher	Councilwoman District VI	411 Wild Rose Drive Norco, LA 70079	(H) 985-307-0120
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Tiffany K. Clark	Council Secretary	218 Madewood Drive Destrehan, LA 70047	(W) 985-783-5000 (C) 504-913-2074
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Leon C. Vial, III	Legal Director	124 Lowe Street Hahnville, LA 70057	(W) 985-783-5013 (H) 985-783-2270

4. Period of time covered by this questionnaire:  
From January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015
5. The entity has been organized under the following provisions of the Louisiana Revised Statute(s) (R.S.) and, if applicable, local resolutions/ordinances.  
Article VI of the Louisiana State Constitution
6. Briefly describe the public services provided:  
Local governmental services
7. Expiration date of current elected/appointed officials' terms.  
January 2016

### LEGAL COMPLIANCE

#### **PART II. PUBLIC BID LAW**

8. The provisions of the public bid law, R.S. Title 38:2211-2296, and where applicable, the regulations of the Division of Administration, State Purchasing Office have been complied with.
  - A. All public works purchases exceeding \$150,000 have been publicly bid.  
Yes  No
  - B. All material and supply purchases exceeding \$30,000 have been publicly bid.  
Yes  No

**PART III. CODE OF ETHICS LAW FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES**

9. It is true that no employees or officials have accepted anything of value, whether in the form of a service, a loan, or promise, from anyone that would constitute a violation of R.S. 42:1101-1124.  
Yes  No
10. It is true that no member of the immediate family of any member of the governing authority, or the chief executive of the governmental entity, has been employed by the governmental entity after April 1, 1980 under circumstances that would constitute a violation of R.S. 42:1119.  
Yes  No

**PART IV. LAWS AFFECTING BUDGETING**

11. We have complied with the budgeting requirements of the Local Government Budget Act (R.S. 39:1301-15) R.S. 39:33, or R.S. 39:1331-1342, as applicable:

A. Local Budget Act

1. We have adopted a budget for the General Fund and all special revenue funds (R.S. 39:1305).
2. The chief executive officer, or equivalent, has prepared a proposed budget that included a budget message, a proposed budget for the General Fund and each special revenue fund, and a budget adoption instrument that specified the chief executive's authority to make budgetary amendments without approval of the governing authority. Furthermore, the proposed expenditures did not exceed estimated funds to be available during the period (R.S. 39:1305).
3. The proposed budget was submitted to the governing authority and made available for public inspection at least 15 days prior to the beginning of the budget year (R.S. 39:1306).
4. To the extent that proposed expenditures were greater than \$500,000, we have made the budget available for public inspection and have advertised its availability in our official journal. The advertisement included the date, time, and place of the public hearing on the budget. Notice has also been published certifying that all actions required by the Local Government Budget Act have been completed (R.S. 39:1307).
5. If required, the proposed budget was made available for public inspection at the location required by R.S. 39:1308.
6. All action necessary to adopt and finalize the budget was completed prior to the date required by state law. The adopted budget contained the same information as that required for the proposed budget (R.S. 39:1309).
7. After adoption, a certified copy of the budget has been retained by the chief executive officer or equivalent officer (R.S. 39:1309).
8. To the extent that proposed expenditures were greater than \$500,000, the chief executive officer or equivalent notified the governing authority in writing during the year when actual receipts plus projected revenue collections for the year failed to meet budgeted revenues

by five percent or more, or when actual expenditures plus projected expenditures to year end exceeded budgeted expenditures by five percent or more (R.S. 39:1311).

9. The governing authority has amended its budget when notified, as provided by R.S. 39:1311. (Note, general and special revenue fund budgets should be amended, regardless of the amount of expenditures in the fund, when actual receipts plus projected revenue collections for the year fail to meet budgeted revenues by five percent or more; or when actual expenditures plus projected expenditures to year end exceed budgeted expenditures by five percent or more. State law exempts from the amendment requirements special revenue funds with anticipated expenditures of \$500,000 or less, and exempts special revenue funds whose revenues are expenditure-driven—primarily federal funds—from the requirement to amend revenues.)

Yes  No

B. State Budget Requirements

1. The state agency has complied with the budgetary requirements of R.S. 39:33.  
Yes  No

C. Licensing Boards

1. The licensing board has complied with the budgetary requirements of R.S. 39:1331-1342.  
Yes  No

**PART V. ACCOUNTING, AUDITING, AND FINANCIAL REPORTING LAWS**

12. We have maintained our accounting records in such a manner as to provide evidence of legal compliance and the preparation of annual financial statements to comply with R.S. 24:513 and 515, and/or 33:463.  
Yes  No
13. All non-exempt governmental records are available as a public record and have been retained for at least three years, as required by R.S. 44:1, 44:7, 44:31, and 44:36.  
Yes  No
14. We have filed our annual financial statements in accordance with R.S. 24:514, and 33:463 where applicable.  
Yes  No
15. We have had our financial statements audited in a timely manner in accordance with R.S. 24:513.  
Yes  No
16. We have complied with R.S. 24:513 A. (3) regarding disclosure of compensation, reimbursements, benefits and other payments to the agency head, political subdivision head, or chief executive officer.  
Yes  No

**PART VI. MEETINGS**

17. We have complied with the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, provided in R.S. 42:11 through 42:28.  
Yes  No

**PART VII. ASSET MANAGEMENT LAWS**

18. We have maintained records of our fixed assets and movable property records, as required by R.S. 24:515 and/or 39:321-332, as applicable.  
Yes  No

**PART VIII. FISCAL AGENCY AND CASH MANAGEMENT LAWS**

19. We have complied with the fiscal agency and cash management requirements of R.S. 39:1211-45 and 49:301-327, as applicable.  
Yes  No

**PART IX. DEBT RESTRICTION LAWS**

20. It is true we have not incurred any long-term indebtedness without the approval of the State Bond Commission, as provided by Article VII, Section 8 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, Article VI, Section 33 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, and R.S. 39:1410.60-1410.65.  
Yes  No
21. We have complied with the debt limitation requirements of state law (R.S. 39:562).  
Yes  No
22. We have complied with the reporting requirements relating to the Fiscal Review Committee of the State Bond Commission (R.S. 39:1410.62).  
Yes  No

**PART X. REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE RESTRICTION LAWS**

23. We have restricted the collections and expenditures of revenues to those amounts authorized by Louisiana statutes, tax propositions, and budget ordinances.  
Yes  No
24. It is true we have not advanced wages or salaries to employees or paid bonuses in violation of Article VII, Section 14 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, R.S. 14:138, and AG opinion 79-729.  
Yes  No
25. It is true that no property or things of value have been loaned, pledged, or granted to anyone in violation of Article VII, Section 14 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution.  
Yes  No

**PART XI. ISSUERS OF MUNICIPAL SECURITIES**

26. It is true that we have complied with the requirements of R.S. 39:1438.C.  
Yes  No

**PART XII. QUESTIONS FOR SPECIFIC GOVERNMENTAL UNITS**

Parish Governments

27. We have adopted a system of road administration that provides as follows:
- A. Approval of the governing authority of all expenditures, R.S. 48:755(A).
  - B. Development of a capital improvement program on a selective basis, R.S. 48:755.
  - C. Centralized purchasing of equipment and supplies, R.S. 48:755.
  - D. Centralized accounting, R.S. 48:755.
  - E. A construction program based on engineering plans and inspections, R.S. 48:755.
  - F. Selective maintenance program, R.S. 48:755.
  - G. Annual certification of compliance to the auditor, R.S. 48:758.  
Yes  No

Libraries

28. We have complied with the regulations of the Louisiana State Library.  
Yes  No

Sewerage Districts

29. We have complied with the statutory requirements of R.S. 33:3881-4159.10.  
Yes  No

Waterworks Districts

30. We have complied with the statutory requirements of R.S. 33:3811-3837.  
Yes  No

Drainage and Irrigation Districts

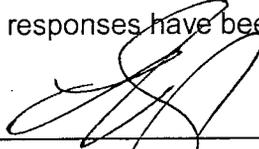
31. We have complied with the statutory requirements of R.S. 38:1601-1707 (Drainage Districts); R.S. 38:1751-1921 (Gravity Drainage Districts); R.S. 38:1991-2048 (Levee and Drainage Districts); or R.S. 38-2101-2123 (Irrigation Districts), as appropriate.  
Yes  No

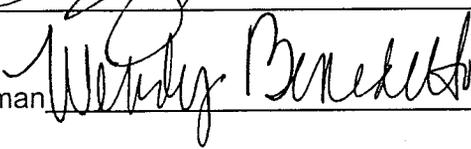
Other Special Districts

32. We have complied with those specific statutory requirements of state law applicable to Communications Districts.

Yes  No

The previous responses have been made to the best of our belief and knowledge.

President  \_\_\_\_\_ Date 3/9/16

Council Chairman  \_\_\_\_\_ Date 3/7/16

Chief Financial Officer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_