

St. Charles Parish Department of Planning & Zoning

Land Use Report

Case Number: 2020-05-ORD

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

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Subdivision Regulations of 1981, as amended, to establish a process for analyzing the impact of traffic generated by new subdivisions at Section II. Subdivision, C. Minor Resubdivisions, and Section II. Subdivision procedure at paragraph E. Preliminary Plat 3. Preliminary Plat/Additional Submission Requirements and Section IV Design Standards.

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.

A TIA policy contains the specific requirements that a TIA document must meet for a jurisdiction.

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 developers should be required to submit a TIA for major and minor subdivisions and has proposed a policy to do so.

The Parish Council has discussed an ordinance to adopt a TIA requirement and policy in both Legislative Committee meetings and regular Council meetings.

Potential outcomes

- Improved street functionality for Parish residents.
- More informed decision making for the Planning Commission.
- Improved and informed quantitative data for residents regarding traffic.
- Additional cost for some developments.

Recommendation

Approval