

2004-0324

INTRODUCED BY: APRIL BLACK, COUNCILMAN, DISTRICT V

ORDINANCE NO. 04-9-1

An ordinance of the Parish of St. Charles, providing that the Code of Ordinances, Parish of St. Charles be amended by revising Chapter 21, Article I, Section 21-1(e) to provide an exception to the prohibition of the installation of culverts in subdivisions designed and accepted by the Parish with open swale/ditch drainage systems for District IV, District I, District II, District VI, Oak Manor Estates, Oak Lawn Ridge Estates, and Riverwood Estates Subdivision.

- WHEREAS, the open ditch method of drainage as opposed to sub-surface drainage, is an expensive burden for the taxpayers of St. Charles Parish; and,
- WHEREAS, open ditches must be constantly maintained, cleaned, cleared of trash, garbage and accumulated sediment in order to flow efficiently; and,
- WHEREAS, standing water in open ditches provides a breeding habitat for mosquitoes, snakes, rats, and other varmints, thereby requiring constant pest control; and,
- WHEREAS, sub-surface drainage systems are aesthetically pleasing, improve the appearance of a neighborhood and increase property values; and,
- WHEREAS, numerous residents are being allowed to close ditches in neighborhoods developed prior to January 1, 1992; and,
- WHEREAS, in order to fairly represent all citizens in St. Charles Parish, culvert installation should be allowed in all open swale/ditch subdivisions.

THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION I. That the St. Charles Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 21, Article I, Section 21-1(e) is hereby amended as follows:

As Written:

- (e) Prohibitions. No culvert permits shall be issued, other than for driveway and walkway crossings, in any subdivision designed and constructed based on an engineering design with an open swale/ditch drainage system that was accepted by St. Charles Parish after January 1, 1992, nor in Davis Plantation Park Subdivision Phase I & II, Lagatutta Estates Subdivision, Willowdale Subdivision, and Willowridge Subdivision, Phase I. This subsection (e) shall not apply in District IV, District I, District II, District VI, Oak Manor Estates, and Oak Lawn Ridge Estates.

Revised:

- (e) Prohibitions. No culvert permits shall be issued, other than for driveway and walkway crossings, in any subdivision designed and constructed based on an engineering design with an open swale/ditch drainage system that was accepted by St. Charles Parish after January 1, 1992, nor in Davis Plantation Park Subdivision Phase I & II, Lagatutta Estates Subdivision, Willowdale Subdivision, and Willowridge Subdivision, Phase I. This subsection (e) shall not apply in District IV, District I, District II, District VI, Oak Manor Estates, Oak Lawn Ridge Estates, and **Riverwood Estates Subdivision.**

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

YEAS: MARINO, FAUCHEUX, HILAIRE, FABRE, RAMCHANDRAN, WALLS, BLACK, DUHE, MINNICH

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

And the ordinance was declared adopted this 7th day of September, 2004, to become effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

Subsurface Drg - Black Riverwood Estates

CHAIRMAN: *James J. M...*
 SECRETARY: *Barbara Paul Tucker*
 DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: September 8, 2004
 APPROVED: _____ DISAPPROVED: _____
 PARISH PRESIDENT: *Albert P. Lopez*
 RETD/SECRETARY: September 8, 2004
 AT: 2:35 PM RECD BY: *BAG*