## 2014-0002

INTRODUCED BY: V.J. ST. PIERRE, JR., PARISH PRESIDENT (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)

**ORDINANCE NO.** 

14-1-16

An ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10, Garbage and Trash, Article II. Uniform Solid Waste Management System, to provide rules for tree removal and hauling.

WHEREAS, residents are compelled to remove trees and brush from their properties; and.

WHEREAS, residents frequently cut trees and brush and deposit the remains along public rights of way, servitudes and ditches; and,

**WHEREAS**, such activities impede drainage and public passage on and across public rights of way and servitudes; and,

**WHEREAS,** the costs of removing very large trees and accumulations of branches is prohibitive.

## THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL HEREBY ORDAINS:

**SECTION I.** That the St. Charles Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10, Article II. Uniform Solid Waste Management System, Section 10-19 (2) q. shall be amended as follows:

## **AS WRITTEN**

q. Any land owner who fells a tree having a diameter of six inches or greater at the cut line or debris generated from the removal or maintenance of trees and other vegetation that is greater than ten (10) cubic yards is responsible for the removal of the tree, its limbs and branches, or the land owner has the obligation to inform the contractor that the contractor has the obligation to remove the cut tree and/or debris generated from the premises and to haul it to a proper landfill.

## **AS AMENDED**

q. Any land owner or his contractor who fells a tree which has parts having a circumference of thirty-six inches (36") or greater at the cut line or cut limbs measuring longer than six (6) feet in length, is responsible for the removal and disposal at a proper landfill. The land owner or his contractor shall be responsible for the removal and disposal of a debris pile generated from the removal or maintenance of trees and other vegetation that is composed of all parts smaller than thirty-six inches (36") or greater at the cut line or cut limbs measuring shorter than six (6) feet in length circumference and length requirements, but is greater than ten (10) cubic yards. The removal and disposal of the entire pile of tree trunks, limbs, and branches placed for pick up, which has contained within it any pieces which exceeds the circumference and length requirements specified above, shall be the responsibility of the land owner or his contractor.

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

YEAS:

TASTET, WILSON, WOODRUFF, BENEDETTO, HOGAN, COCHRAN

FLETCHER, FISHER-PERRIER

NAYS:

NONE

ABSENT:

**SCHEXNAYDRE** 

And the ordinance was declared adopted this <u>21<sup>st</sup></u> day of <u>January</u>, 2014, to become effective (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

CHAIRMAN:
SECRETARY:
DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT:
APPROVED:
DISAPPROVED:
PARISH PRESIDENT:
RETD/SECRETARY:

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