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December 19, 2024

Mr. Kevin P. Belanger Chief Executive Officer South Central Planning & Development Commission P. O. Box 1870 Gray, LA 70359

Re: Amend Code, Chapter 8, Elections, Section 8-2

Visible Voting Precinct Boundaries and Polling Places

Dear Mr. Belanger:

On Monday, December 16, 2024, the St. Charles Parish Council adopted Ordinance No. 24-12-11 amending the St. Charles Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 8, Elections, Section 8-2. Visible voting precinct boundaries and polling places, to merge certain voting precincts and to establish new boundaries for merged precincts.

A copy of the ordinance is enclosed for your records.

Sincerely,

MICHELLE IMPASTATO COUNCIL SECRETARY

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Enclosure

cc: Parish Council

Ms. Samantha de Castro w/enclosure

Mr. Corey Oubre w/enclosure

Honorable Jeff Landry, LA Attorney General w/enclosure Secretary of the Louisiana State Senate w/enclosure

Clerk of the Louisiana House of Representatives w/enclosure

Mr. Josh Manning, South Central Planning & Development, w/enclosure

Honorable Lance Marino, Clerk of Court w/enclosure

Honorable Brian J. Champagne, Registrar of Voters w/enclosure

Ms. Alise Babin, Elections Services w/enclosure

2024-0404

INTRODUCED BY: BOB FISHER, COUNCILMAN, DISTRICT VI

ORDINANCE NO. _

24-12-11

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 8, Elections, Section 8-2. Visible voting precinct boundaries and polling places, to merge certain voting precincts and to establish new boundaries for merged precincts.

- WHEREAS, the governing authority of St. Charles Parish has the authority under Louisiana Revised Statutes 18:532 to establish and modify precinct boundaries; and,
- **WHEREAS**, RS 18:532 requires that all precincts have clearly observable boundaries and be contiguous; and,
- WHEREAS, precincts 6-3 and 6-8 were previously unable to be merged due to conflicts with the older Congressional district boundaries; and,
- whereas, the realignment of Congressional districts in Louisiana following the passage of Act 2 of the 2024 First Extraordinary Session, which enacted a new Congressional map with two majority-Black districts, and the subsequent Supreme Court ruling in Robinson v. Landry, now allow for the merging of these precincts; and,
- **WHEREAS**, both precincts 6-3 and 6-8 are located within the same polling place, and no change to the polling location is necessary; and,
- **WHEREAS**, this merger is being undertaken to simplify voting precincts, improve voter convenience, and ensure compliance with state law.

THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION I. That the St. Charles Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 8, Elections, Section 8-2. Visible voting precinct boundaries and polling places, is hereby amended by striking the language defining Precincts 6-3 and 6-8 and insert verbiage as follows:

Precinct 6-3.

The region bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of the center flow channel of the Mississippi River and an the centerline extension of Carolyn Drive, and proceeding northeasterly along the centerline of Carolyn Drive and its extension to its intersection with the centerline of the Canadian National Railroad Tracks, and proceeding southerly along the centerline of Canadian National Railroad Tracks to its intersection with the centerline of Ormond Village Drive, and proceeding southwesterly along the centerline of Ormond Village Drive to its intersection with the centerline of Louisiana Highway 48 (River Road), and proceeding southerly along the centerline of Louisiana Highway 48 (River Road) to its intersection with the centerline of Schexnaydre Lane, and proceeding southwesterly along the centerline extension of Schexnaydre Lane to its intersection with the center flow channel of the Mississippi River, and proceeding northerly along the center flow channel of the Mississippi River to its intersection with the centerline extension of Carolyn Drive, the point of beginning.

Polling place: Destrehan High School, #1 Wildcat Lane, Destrehan, LA

SECTION II. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption and shall be implemented in compliance with RS 18:532.1, RS 18:533, RS 18:534, and RS 18:535, including the notification of voters of any changes to precinct boundaries.

SECTION III. If any provision of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION IV. That all other precincts listed in Section 8-2. Visible voting precinct boundaries and polling places remain as first written.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a copy of this ordinance shall be provided to the Registrar of Voters and the Secretary of State for recordkeeping in accordance with RS 18:532(C).

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

YEAS:

MOBLEY, FONSECA, WILSON, SKIBA, PILIE, COMARDELLE, O'DANIELS, FISHER, DEBRULER

NAYS: NONE ABSENT: NONE

And the ordinance was declared adopted this <u>16th</u> day of <u>December</u>, 2024. The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective immediately.

CHAIRMAN: DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: December 17, 2024 APPROVED: ____ __ DISAPPROVED:

PARISH PRESIDENT: RETD/SECRETARY: December

AT: 3:29 pm RECD BY: