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April 13, 2010

Councilman Billy Raymond Chairman St. Charles Parish Council Post Office Box 302 Hahnville, LA 70057

Dear Chairman Raymond,

I am writing to advise that I have vetoed Ordinance No. 10-4-9 adopted by the Parish Council on April 5, 2010. The Ordinance amended Ordinance No. 94-7-3 adopted by the Parish Council on July 5, 1994. Ordinance No. 94-7-3 was adopted in conjunction with the implementation of the Enhanced 911 Telephone System in an effort to more clearly identify certain streets, eliminate duplicate street names and the naming of unnamed streets. The Ordinance specifically states, in Section V, "That the adoption of this ordinance shall not affect the status of any private or public streets, regarding maintenance or any other public facilities or services, and is for identification purposes only".

It is my understanding that the intent of Ordinance No. 10-4-9 was to affect the status of Breaux Lane in Des Allemands and the maintenance thereof. The determination of which streets are public and private, for maintenance purposes, can only be made after an intense review of the legal documents surrounding a specific street and includes research in the Police Jury/Council Minutes, Police Jury/Council files, Clerk of Court's Office records, maintenance records, etc. and compliance with relevant state statute's regarding public streets.

Each street in question, either noted in Ordinance No. 94-7-3 or the various other ordinances of the Parish which identify street names for 911 or mapping purposes, would require individual review of their specific circumstances.

Therefore, I respectfully request that you sustain my veto of Ordinance No. 10-4-9.

Sincerely,

V. J. St. Pierre, Jr. Parish President