

**2023-0218**

**INTRODUCED BY: ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL**

**ORDINANCE NO. 23-8-9**

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 voting precincts.

**WHEREAS,** as specified in Louisiana Revised Statutes 18:532 the Saint Charles Parish Council is required to establish precincts, define the territorial limits for which each precinct is established, prescribe their boundaries, and designate the precinct; and,

**WHEREAS,** the St. Charles Parish Council adopted Ordinance 23-6-6 merging several small and oddly shaped precincts as pre-approved by the Secretary of State's office; and,

**WHEREAS,** in implementing the precinct plan it was discovered that the merging of precincts 7-4, 7-5, and 7-6 cannot be implemented due to the boundary of Louisiana House of Representatives Districts 56 and 57; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Secretary of State's office has provisionally approved the merging of Precincts 1-5 and 7-6 which would create a lockout in Parish Council elections; therefore,

**THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL HEREBY ORDAINS:**

**SECTION I.** Should any section, part or provision of this Ordinance be declared by any court to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

**SECTION II.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith or incompatible with the provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION III.** That the 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 1-5, 7-4, and 7-4A and adding language for Precinct 7-5 by inserting verbiage as follows:

**Precinct 1-5.**

The region bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of the centerline of the southbound lane of Interstate 310 and the centerline of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad Tracks, and proceeding northerly along the centerline of Interstate 310 to its intersection with the centerline of Louisiana Highway 3127, and proceeding northwesterly along the centerline of Louisiana Highway 3127 to its intersection with the center flow channel of the Eighty Arpent Canal, and proceeding easterly a short distance along the center flow channel of the Eighty Arpent Canal to its intersection with the centerline of Interstate 310, and proceeding northerly and northeasterly along the centerline of Interstate 310 to its intersection with the center flow channel of the Boutte Canal, and proceeding southeasterly along the center flow channel of the Boutte Canal to its intersection with the centerline of Louisiana Highway 52 (Paul Maillard Road), and proceeding southwestly along the centerline of Louisiana Highway 52 (Paul Maillard Road) to its intersection with the centerline of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad Tracks, and proceeding westerly along the centerline of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad Tracks to its intersection with the southbound lane of Interstate 310, the point of beginning.

Polling Place: Luling Central Fire Station, 1603 Paul Maillard Road, Luling, LA

**Precinct 7-4 and 7-4A.**

The region bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of the centerline of Interstate 310 and the center flow channel of the Boutte Canal, and proceeding northeasterly along the centerline of Interstate 310 to its intersection with the centerline of the Union Pacific Railroad Tracks, and proceeding easterly along the centerline of the of Union Pacific Railroad Tracks to its intersection with the centerline of Gassen Lane, and proceeding southerly along the centerline of Gassen Lane to its intersection with the centerline of Easy Street, and proceeding easterly along the centerline of Easy Street to its intersection with the centerline of Ristroph Street, and proceeding southwestly along the centerline of Ristroph Street to its intersection with the centerline of Brooklyn Street, and proceeding westerly along the centerline of Brooklyn Street to its intersection with the centerline of Kinler Street, and proceeding southwestly along the centerline of Kinler Street to its intersection with the centerline of Hackberry Street, and proceeding northwesterly along the centerline of Hackberry Street to its intersection with the center flow channel of a drainage feature west of Gassen Street, and proceeding southwestly along the center flow channel of the Gassen Street and Ashton Oaks drainage feature to its intersection with the center flow channel of the Boutte Canal, and proceeding northwesterly along the center flow channel of the Boutte Canal to its intersection with the centerline of Interstate 310, the point of beginning.

Polling Place: Luling Elementary School, 904 Sugarhouse Road, Luling, LA

**Precinct 7-5**

The region bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of the centerlines of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad Tracks and Louisiana Highway 52 (Paul Maillard Road), and proceeding northeasterly along the centerline of Louisiana Highway 52 (Paul Maillard Road) to its intersection with the centerline of Hall Street, and

proceeding easterly along the centerline of Hall Street to its intersection with the centerline of Milling Avenue, and proceeding southwesterly along the centerline of Milling Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of Courville Drive, and proceeding southeasterly along the centerline of Courville Drive to its intersection with the centerline of Sugarhouse Road, and proceeding northerly along the centerline of Sugarhouse Road to its intersection with the centerline of the Union Pacific Railroad Tracks, and proceeding easterly along the centerline of the Union Pacific Railroad Tracks to its intersection with the centerline of Queenie Drive (private), and proceeding southwesterly and easterly and southwesterly and southerly along the centerline of Queenie Drive (Private) to its intersection with the centerline of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad Tracks, and proceeding southwesterly along the centerline of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad Tracks to its intersection with the centerline of Louisiana Highway 52 (Paul Maillard Road), the point of beginning.

Polling Place: Luling Elementary School, 904 Sugarhouse Road, Luling, LA

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

YEAS: BILLINGS, FONSECA, CLULEE, GIBBS, DUFRENE, BELLOCK, FISHER, FISHER-CORMIER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: DARENSBOURG GORDON

And the ordinance was declared adopted this 28th day of August, 2023, to become effective (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

CHAIRMAN: *Bob Blago*

SECRETARY: *Michelle Spindler*

DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: *August 29, 2023*

APPROVED:  DISAPPROVED:

PARISH PRESIDENT: *Matt Jewell*

RETD/SECRETARY: *August 29, 2023*

AT: *3:27 pm* RECD BY: *[Signature]*