

**2000-0428**

**INTRODUCED BY: 'RAM' RAMCHANDRAN**

**COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE, DIVISION A**

An ordinance to enact a moratorium to provide regulations for certain public expenditures during this budget transition period.

**WHEREAS,** because it may be necessary to impose costly sewer rate increase on the public in the very near future; and,

**WHEREAS,** because the Administration has also warned the Parish Council of the necessity for an increase in water rates soon; and,

**WHEREAS,** because serious Solid Waste issues must be addressed by the Parish Officials.

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

**SECTION I.** That a moratorium shall be in effect for the following purposes:

- (a) recruitment and hiring of new employees except Council Secretary and Parish Civil Engineering, Computer positions
- (b) all contracts and budgeted but not bid on projects
- (c) purchases of equipment costing over \$2,500.00
- (d) rental of equipment, office space and other such items

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** that this moratorium shall be in effect for one year from the effective date of this ordinance or until:

- (a) the Parish Council has a clear understanding and report on the Revenues and Expenses
- (b) the fund balance of the current year is evaluated
- (c) the budget details for the 2001 Consolidated Operating and Capital Budget are approved by the Council and accepted by the President.

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

YEAS: RAMCHANDRAN, MARINO

NAYS: HILAIRE, FABRE, ABADIE, AUTHEMENT, BLACK, MINNICH

ABSENT: FAUCHEUX

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE FAILED FOR LACK OF A FAVORABLE MAJORITY.**

Moratorium to provide regulations for certain public expenditures failed