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2001-0179

INTRODUCED BY: TERRY AUTHEMENT, COUNCILMAN, DISTRICT IV

ORDINANCE NO. 01-6-1

An ordinance of the Parish of St. Charles, providing that the Code of Ordinances, Parish of St. Charles be amended by revising Chapter 21, Article I, Section 21-1(e) to provide an exception to the prohibition of the installation of culverts in subdivisions designed and accepted by the Parish with open swale/ditch drainage systems for District IV, District I, District II, District VI, Oak Manor Estates, and Oak Lawn Ridge Estates.

- WHEREAS,** the open ditch method of drainage as opposed to sub-surface drainage, is an expensive burden for the taxpayers of St. Charles Parish; and,
- WHEREAS,** open ditches must be constantly maintained, cleaned, cleared of trash, garbage and accumulated sediment in order to flow efficiently; and,
- WHEREAS,** standing water in open ditches provides a breeding habitat for mosquitoes, snakes, rats, and other varmints, thereby requiring constant pest control; and,
- WHEREAS,** sub-surface drainage systems are aesthetically pleasing, improve the appearance of a neighborhood and increase property values; and,
- WHEREAS,** numerous residents are being allowed to close ditches in neighborhoods developed prior to January 1, 1992; and,
- WHEREAS,** residents owning property and living in District IV subdivisions constructed after January 1, 1992 are requesting permission to close in ditches; and,
- WHEREAS,** in order to fairly represent all citizens in St. Charles Parish, culvert installation should be allowed in all open swale/ditch subdivisions.

THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION I. That the St. Charles Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 21, Article I, Section 21-1(e) is hereby amended as follows:

As Written:

- (e) Prohibitions. No culvert permits shall be issued, other than for driveway and walkway crossings, in any subdivision designed and constructed based on an engineering design with an open swale/ditch drainage system that was accepted by St. Charles Parish after January 1, 1992, nor in Davis Plantation Park Subdivision Phase I & II, Lagatutta Estates Subdivision, Willowdale Subdivision, and Willowridge Subdivision, Phase I. This subsection (e) shall not apply to the extension of Sunset Subdivision, Dixie Drive Extension, lots 36 through 54.

Revised:

- (e) Prohibitions. No culvert permits shall be issued, other than for driveway and walkway crossings, in any subdivision designed and constructed based on an engineering design with an open swale/ditch drainage system that was accepted by St. Charles Parish after January 1, 1992, nor in Davis Plantation Park Subdivision Phase I & II, Lagatutta Estates Subdivision, Willowdale Subdivision, and Willowridge Subdivision, Phase I. **This subsection (e) shall not apply in District IV, District I, District II, District VI, Oak Manor Estates, and Oak Lawn Ridge Estates.**

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

YEAS: FAUCHEUX, HILAIRE, FABRE, AUTHEMENT, BLACK, MARINO

NAYS: RAMCHANDRAN, MINNICH

ABSENT: ABADIE

And the ordinance was declared adopted this 4TH day of June, 2001, to become effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

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CHAIRMAN: Barry Minnich

SECRETARY: Barbara J Jacob

DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: June 5, 2001

APPROVED: ✓ DISAPPROVED:

PARISH PRESIDENT: Albert D. Lago

DEPT. SECRETARY: