

**2026-0038**

**INTRODUCED BY: MATTHEW JEWELL, PARISH PRESIDENT  
(DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL SERVICES)**

**ORDINANCE NO. 26-2-4**

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the St. Charles Fireman's Association, Inc. for funding from the settlement of the Louisiana State-Local Government Opioid Litigation in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 for the purchase of Lifeline ARM Chest Compression Systems with Accessories and LIFEPAK 1000 Graphical Display AEDS with Accessories for the nine (9) volunteer fire departments.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution 6694 adopted on May 8, 2023, by the St. Charles Parish Council approved the Louisiana State-Local Government Opioid Litigation Memorandum of Understanding which set forth a framework of a unified plan for the proposed allocation and use of opioid settlement proceeds; and,

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Louisiana State-Local Government Opioid Litigation Memorandum of Understanding, St. Charles Parish desires to provide funding from the settlement of the Louisiana State-Local Government Opioid Litigation in the amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 per year to the St. Charles Fireman's Association, Inc. to purchase nine (9) Lifeline ARM Chest Compression Systems with Accessories and nine (9) LIFEPAK 1000 Graphical Display AEDS with Accessories for the nine (9) volunteer fire departments in St. Charles Parish.

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

**SECTION I.** That the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the St. Charles Fireman's Association, Inc. attached hereto and made a part hereof, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 for the purchase of nine (9) Lifeline ARM Chest Compression Systems with Accessories and nine (9) LIFEPAK 1000 Graphical Display AEDS with Accessories for the nine (9) volunteer fire departments in St. Charles Parish is hereby approved.

**SECTION II.** That the Parish President is hereby authorized to execute said Cooperative Endeavor Agreement on behalf of St. Charles Parish, along with any other documents or instruments necessary to carry out the intent of this Ordinance.

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

YEAS: MOBLEY, WILSON, SKIBA, COMARDELLE, O'DANIELS, DEBRULER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FONSECA, PILIE, FISHER

And the ordinance was declared adopted this 9th day of February, 2026, to become effective (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

ACTING CHAIRMAN: Michele deBau

SECRETARY: Michele deBau

DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: February 10, 2026

APPROVED: ✓ DISAPPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

PARISH PRESIDENT: Matthew Jewell

RETD/SECRETARY: February 10, 2026

AT: 11:15am RECD BY: ✓

**COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT AND ACT OF DONATION  
BETWEEN ST. CHARLES PARISH AND  
ST. CHARLES FIREMAN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**THIS COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT and ACT OF DONATION** is entered into by and between:

**ST. CHARLES PARISH**, a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana, herein represented by **MATTHEW JEWELL**, its Parish President, whose mailing address is P. O. Box 302, Hahnville, Louisiana, 70057, duly authorized pursuant to Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_, adopted by the St. Charles Parish Council on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, and hereinafter referred to as the "Parish"; and

**ST. CHARLES FIREMAN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.**, a Louisiana non-profit corporation, represented herein by **BARRY MINNICH**, its President, duly authorized by a Resolution adopted on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, and

**who hereby agree as follows:**

**WHEREAS**, Article VII, Section 14.C of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana provides that political subdivisions may engage in cooperative endeavor agreements with private corporations for public purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the laws of the State of Louisiana, St. Charles Parish is authorized and empowered to protect the residents of St. Charles Parish, including to acquire, maintain, and operate fire-related movable and immovable property, including buildings and equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Ordinance No. 80-7-4, St. Charles Parish and the St. Charles Fireman's Association, Inc. entered into an agreement on July 7, 1980, to provide fire protection to the entire Parish of St. Charles, including but not limited to furnishing equipment to personnel; and

**WHEREAS**, most recently on April 4, 2011, pursuant to Ordinance No. 11-4-4, St. Charles Parish and the St. Charles Fireman's Association, Inc. entered into an amendment to the July 7, 1980 agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution 6694 dated May 8, 2023, St. Charles Parish approved the Louisiana State-Local Government Opioid Litigation Memorandum of Understanding which set forth a framework of a unified plan for the proposed allocation and use of opioid settlement proceeds; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Louisiana State-Local Government Opioid Litigation Memorandum of Understanding and other settlement participation forms, St. Charles Parish can only use the opioid settlement funds for "Approved Purposes – Opioid Abatement Strategies"; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the "Approved Purposes – Opioid Abatement Strategies", St. Charles Parish desires to purchase the following equipment (hereinafter "Equipment") to be donated to the St. Charles Parish Fireman's Association, Inc. and its related departments, not to exceed in value of \$200,000:

- a. Nine (9) Lifeline ARM Chest Compression Systems with Accessories – ITEM #DFTRCF-A2000EN; and
- b. Nine (9) LIFEPAK 1000 Graphical Display AEDs with Accessories – ITEM #99425-000023; and

**WHEREAS**, after purchasing said devices and equipment, St. Charles Parish desires to transfer ownership of the above-referenced Equipment, including any associated equipment, to the St. Charles Parish Fireman's Association, Inc. through this Cooperative Endeavor Agreement and Act of Donation; and

**WHEREAS**, in consideration of the above, the parties have agreed to a transfer of ownership of the above-referenced Equipment, including any associated equipment, through an Act of Donation and any other necessary transfer documentation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED AS FOLLOWS:**

2. In accordance with the "Approved Purposes – Opioid Abatement Strategies", St. Charles Parish desires to purchase the following equipment (hereinafter "Equipment") to be donated to the St. Charles Parish Fireman's Association, Inc. and its related departments, not to exceed in value of \$200,000:
  - a. Nine (9) Lifeline ARM Chest Compression Systems with Accessories – ITEM #DFTRCF-A2000EN; and
  - b. Nine (9) LIFEPAK 1000 Graphical Display AEDs with Accessories – ITEM #99425-000023.
3. Once purchased, St. Charles Parish hereby transfers ownership, conveys, assigns, sets over and delivers unto the St. Charles Parish Fireman's Association, Inc. the above-referenced Equipment, which is being made in consideration of the fire protection services provided by the St. Charles Parish Fireman's Association, Inc. and its related departments.
4. The St. Charles Parish Fireman's Association, Inc. hereby defends, holds harmless and indemnifies St. Charles Parish and its employees for injury to persons or property arising out of the ownership and use of the Equipment for which they have assumed ownership and responsibility as set out hereinabove.
5. Any notices required under this Agreement shall be directed to the party entitled to said notice at its address set forth below, unless this Agreement is otherwise amended in writing:

If to St. Charles Fireman's Association, Inc.

Barry Minnich  
P.O. Box 733  
Hahnville, LA 70057

If to the Parish,

St. Charles Parish President  
P. O. Box 302  
Hahnville, LA 70057

6. Both St. Charles Parish and the St. Charles Fireman's Association, Inc., agree to execute any other necessary documents to transfer ownership of the above-described movable property.
7. Should either party to this Agreement have to file suit in order to enforce the provisions hereof, venue and jurisdiction is hereby established in the 29<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court in and for the Parish of St. Charles, State of Louisiana.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Parties (Donor and Donee) have executed this Agreement on the dates set forth below:

(SIGNATURES CONTINUE ON NEXT PAGE)

**THUS DONE AND PASSED** on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, by the St. Charles Parish (Donor), in the Parish of St. Charles, State of Louisiana, in the presence of the undersigned competent witnesses, who hereunto sign their names with me, Notary, after due reading of the whole.

**WITNESSES:**

**ST. CHARLES PARISH  
DONOR:**

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**ST. CHARLES PARISH**  
By: Matthew Jewell  
Parish President

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**NOTARY PUBLIC**

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Notary ID/LA Bar Roll No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Commission Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_

**THUS DONE AND PASSED**, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, by the St. Charles Fireman's Association, Inc. (Donee), in the Parish of St. Charles, State of Louisiana, in the presence of the undersigned competent witnesses, who hereunto sign their names with me, Notary, after due reading of the whole.

**WITNESSES:**

**ST. CHARLES FIREMAN'S  
ASSOCIATION, INC.  
DONOR:**

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**ST. CHARLES FIREMAN'S  
ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
By: Barry Minnich  
President

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**NOTARY PUBLIC**

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Notary ID/LA Bar Roll No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Commission Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_