

1999-4866

**INTRODUCED BY: CHRIS A. TREGRE, PARISH PRESIDENT**

**ORDINANCE NO. 99-9-25**

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Parish of St. Charles and the St. Charles Parish Law Enforcement District for the funding of St. Charles Parish Correctional Center.

**WHEREAS,** the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana provide for intergovernmental agreements among political subdivisions; and,

**WHEREAS,** Sheriff Greg Champagne has proposed a Cooperative Endeavor between the Sheriff's Department and the Parish to construct a new 590 bed correctional facility, as per his plan set forth at the September 8, 1998, Parish Council meeting; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Sheriff has requested that the Parish agree to provide up to \$4,000,000.00 in funding for the construction of said facility; and,

**WHEREAS,** it is the desire of the Parish Council to support the endeavor by allocating \$4,000,000.00 for the construction of the facility and \$20.00 per day for the housing of local pretrial prisoners and prisoners sentenced to Parish time in the facility.

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

**SECTION I.** That the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Parish of St. Charles and the St. Charles Parish Law Enforcement District is hereby approved.

**SECTION II.** That the Parish President is hereby authorized to execute said Agreement on behalf of St. Charles Parish.

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

YEAS: RAMCHANDRAN, MINNICH, ALEXANDER, CHAMPAGNE, ABADIE  
AUTHEMENT, JOHNSON  
NAYS: NONE  
ABSENT: DUHE, SIRMON

And the Ordinance was declared adopted this 20th day of September, 1999, to become effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

Intergovernmental Agreement Parish Correctional Center

CHAIRMAN: Ty Autment  
SECRETARY: Joan Beanel  
DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: 9-21-99  
APPROVED:  DISAPPROVED:

PARISH PRESIDENT: Chris A. Tregre  
RETD/SECRETARY: 9-22-99  
AT: 9:10 AM RECD BY: JB

AMENDED BY:  
04-12-3, 08-11-5

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**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE  
ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL  
AND THE  
ST.CHARLES PARISH LAW ENFORCEMENT DISTRICT**

**THIS AGREEMENT** made this 24th day of September, 1999, by and between **ST. CHARLES PARISH, ("PARISH")** HEREIN REPRESENTED BY **CHRIS A. TREGRE, PARISH PRESIDENT** and the **ST. CHARLES PARISH LAW ENFORCEMENT DISTRICT, ("SHERIFF")** HEREIN REPRESENTED BY **GREG CHAMPAGNE**.

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of both the **PARISH** and the **SHERIFF** to provide for and maintain the public safety and quality of life for the residents of St. Charles Parish; and,

**WHEREAS**, present jail facility, constructed in 1978, is not of a sufficient size to accommodate immediate and long term needs for local inmate capacity; and,

**WHEREAS**, according to Louisiana R. S. 15:702 and 33:4725, it is the responsibility of the **PARISH** to provide sufficient jail space to serve the needs of Parish residents; and,

**WHEREAS**, the **SHERIFF** possesses the expertise required to provide a secure environment for housing pre-trial and adjudicated inmates; and,

**WHEREAS**, Louisiana Revised Statutes 39:9010 (D) (1) (a) authorizes Law Enforcement Districts to expend public funds to acquire, construct and maintain jail facilities, in addition to authorization under R. S. 33:1422; and,

**WHEREAS**, the **SHERIFF** has undertaken and accomplished the considerable research, analysis and actions to identify the type and size facility needed to satisfy the Correctional Facility requirements of St. Charles Parish, including having negotiated and entered into a "Cooperative Endeavor Agreement" with the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections ("DOC") to safely house state inmates.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARISH AND THE SHERIFF** hereby enter into this Intergovernmental Agreement for the purpose of constructing and operating a Correctional Facility for St. Charles Parish, subject to the following:

1. The term of this Agreement is perpetual, but may be terminated or amended at any time, based upon the mutual consent of the parties.

2. The **SHERIFF** shall be solely responsible for the construction, operations and maintenance of the Correctional Facility including any and all services required for the housing of inmates.
3. The **SHERIFF** shall construct, operate and maintain the Correctional Facility in accordance with the "Cooperative Endeavor Agreement" with the DOC as well as all applicable state and federal laws and guidelines.
4. The **SHERIFF** shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless St. Charles Parish from any and all damages and/or claims which may be sustained or arise from the housing of inmates in the Correctional Facility, including but not limited to, damages sustained as a result of the negligence of the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office, its agents or employees or as a result of any defect in said facility or the use of the same.
5. The **PARISH** shall pay the **SHERIFF** in the amount of four million dollars (\$4,000,000.00) to help defray the cost of constructing the facility. This amount shall be payable upon the execution of the Agreement.
6. The **PARISH** shall pay the **SHERIFF**, on a monthly basis, for housing local pre-trial prisoners and prisoners sentenced to Parish time in the facility. The amount shall be based upon a daily rate of \$20 per day for each local prisoner housed.

**WITNESSES:**

Valerie K. Berthelet  
Penny P. Duke

Ken Chapman  
Sam M. Zinner

**ST. CHARLES PARISH**

By: Chris A. Tregre  
**CHRIS A. TREGRE**  
**PARISH PRESIDENT**

**ST. CHARLES PARISH LAW  
ENFORCEMENT DISTRICT**

By: Greg Champagne  
**GREG CHAMPAGNE**  
**SHERIFF**