

**2020-0290**

**INTRODUCED BY: MATTHEW JEWELL, PARISH PRESIDENT**

**ORDINANCE NO. 20-10-8**

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a Cooperative Agreement with the LSU Ag Center for the continued support of the St. Charles Parish Cooperative Extension Service through November 1, 2025.

**WHEREAS**, via a partnership of the United States Department of Agriculture, the Louisiana State University Ag Center and St. Charles Parish, the local Cooperative Extension Service delivers services and programs to the residents of our Parish; and,

**WHEREAS**, on February 15, 2016, the St. Charles Parish Council adopted Ordinance No. 16-2-10 approving a Cooperative Agreement with the LSU Ag Center for continued support of the St. Charles Parish Cooperative Extension Service; and,

**WHEREAS**, said Agreement is in effect until November 1, 2020; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the LSU Ag Center and the St. Charles Parish to continue this partnership through a Cooperative Agreement for the period November 1, 2020 to November 1, 2025.

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

**SECTION I.** That the LSU Ag Center and the St. Charles Parish Cooperative Agreement to support and Administer Louisiana Cooperative Units Off Campus is hereby approved and accepted.

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

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

YEAS: DONALDSON, FONSECA, DARENSBOURG GORDON, CLULEE, GIBBS, DUFRENE, BELLOCK, FISHER, FISHER-PERRIER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

And the ordinance was declared adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020, to become effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

CHAIRMAN: *Wil H. Hahn*

SECRETARY: *Michelle Dupont*

DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: October 20, 2020

APPROVED:

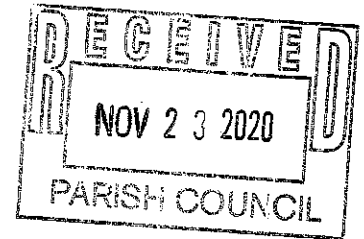
DISAPPROVED:

PARISH PRESIDENT: *Matthew Jewell*

RETD/SECRETARY: October 21, 2020

AT: 1:15 pm

RECD BY: *[Signature]*



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**LSU AgCenter  
And  
St. Charles Parish**

**Cooperative Agreement to Support and Administer  
Louisiana Cooperative Units Off Campus**

**Background:**

The process of developing a well educated citizenry involves use of formal and informal approaches by dedicated professionals. Congress in 1914 signified the national interest in assuring that informal educational opportunities needed to emanate from the knowledge generating process of the Land Grant College system by passing the Smith-Lever Act. This Act created the Cooperative Extension Service system that links Land Grant campus faculty to those seeking information in off campus locales. This is achieved via a partnership of the United States Department of Agriculture, the Louisiana State University AgCenter and local government. Police Juries, Parish Commissions and School Boards are the critical third partner for effectively identifying, developing and delivering Cooperative Extension programs. Educational needs and delivery mechanisms clearly have dynamic aspects that challenge the federal, state and local partners to work effectively in order to meet community needs. This Cooperative Agreement between the LSU AgCenter and local government acknowledges the value to clientele of all partners having a uniform understanding for programming support.

**Partnership Philosophy:**

- The long standing presence of Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service (LCES) faculty in the parish has established invaluable ties to the local clientele, government, and industry.
- That educational programming is most valued when developed in concert with local and area needs as expressed through the advisory committee process.

9. To establish mutually beneficial billing procedures for collection of financial support for faculty and staff from parish government units.

**The Parish Governmental Unit Agrees:**

1. To provide suitable office space, furnishings and support facilities to LCES faculty.
2. To provide operating services support such as utilities, communication and technology charges, custodial services and office supplies.
3. To provide financial support of \$49,012.00 for research based educational programming for the parish including but not limited to: 1) Agriculture and Natural Resources, 2) 4-H Youth Development, 3) Family and Consumer Sciences, and 4) Community Economic Development.

Local sources combined generally provide a minimum of 20% of the parish's programmatic cost.

4. That with reference to faculty vacancies due to resignation, retirement or new positions the LSU AgCenter's Office of Human Resource Management policies will be followed in the search for candidates. The LCES parish chair will assure that parish government officials are well informed during the process.

**Implementation:**

This Cooperative Agreement between the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service and St. Charles Parish is entered into in order to assure continued informal educational programming from the LSU AgCenter. It shall be in effect for five (5) years for the period November 1, 2020 to November 1, 2025.

**Approved:**

  
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Parish President

  
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Date

  
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Dr. Chiquita Briley, Southeast Regional Director  
LSU AgCenter  
Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service

  
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Date