



St. James Parish Council

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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following entitled ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Parish Council of the Parish of St. James, State of Louisiana, on June 5, 2024, and laid over for publication of notice:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE 24-12 **ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF ST. JAMES PARISH, STATE OF LOUISIANA, CHAPTER 114 UTILITIES, ARTICLE II NATURAL GAS, SEC. 114-28 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ADJUSTMENT (CPI)

WHEREAS, St. James Parish has established natural gas rates used to bill customers of the St. James Parish Gas and Water Distribution System, and,

WHEREAS, said natural gas rates need to be at a rate sufficient to cover expenses of the Gas System and any bonded debt requirements, and,

WHEREAS, the Gas and Water Distribution System has conducted a rate study to determine the sufficient rate needed to cover said expenses and bonded debt requirements,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. That the St. James Parish, State of Louisiana, Code of Ordinances Chapter 114 Utilities, Article II Natural Gas, Sec. 114-28 Consumer Price Index Adjustment (CPI) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 118-44. Consumer Price Index Adjustment (CPI)

On July 1st of every year, ~~upon approval by the Parish Council~~, the Gas System Availability charge and per unit margin for all non-negotiated rate customers will be adjusted by using the most recent CPI as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics *Table 1A. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)* using the "Gas (piped) and electricity" index (<http://www.bls.gov/cpi/cpid07av.pdf> for 2007 as an example) using the Percent Change Column.

NOTICE IS HEREBY, FURTHER, GIVEN that the Parish Council of said Parish will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 3, 2024, in the Council Chambers of the Parish Courthouse, 5800 Hwy 44, Convent and at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, in the Council Chambers of the Parish Courthouse Annex, 2631 Hwy 20, Vacherie, LA at which time there will be a public hearing on the adoption of the aforesaid ordinance.

s/ Ryan Louque
Chairman

s/Linda Hubbell
Secretary

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