



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 4, 2025, and laid over for publication of notice:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE 25-09 ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY BY THE PARISH OF ST. JAMES FROM LOUIS DREYFUS COMPANY FORT BEND CORPORATION

WHEREAS, St. James Parish Government is required to maintain a functioning drainage system and to make continuous parish wide improvements to its system.

WHEREAS St. James Parish Government seeks to acquire additional property on its northeastern portion of the Parish to enhance and improve its drainage capabilities and for use in land mitigation in order to offset the loss of coastal resources from development or other activities.

WHEREAS it is beneficial for St. James Parish Government to purchase land for mitigation purposes in order to control the process and save significant tax dollars that would otherwise be expended in purchasing credits from private landowners in order to complete drainage projects and other development in the Parish.

WHEREAS, LOUIS DREYFUS COMPANY FORT BEND CORPORATION has agreed to sell immovable property to the St. James Parish Government which is more fully described and is attached as a part herein, labeled Exhibit "A" for the sum of \$180,000.00 which is significantly less than the appraised value of \$800,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the St. James Parish Council, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. James, State of Louisiana, that

SECTION 1: The Parish hereby approves the purchase of immovable property for the price of \$180,000.00 from LOUIS DREYFUS COMPANY FORT BEND CORPORATION; said property as more fully described in Exhibit "A", through the execution of any and all documents necessary in order to effectuate the purchase of said immovable property on behalf of St. James Parish, in the manner of and under the official seal of the Parish.

SECTION 2: The Parish President, Peter A. Dufresne, is hereby further authorized, empowered, and directed for, on behalf of, and in the name of the St. James Parish Government to execute and deliver any and all instruments, documents, and certificates which may be required to accomplish this purchase of the title and/or ownership of said immovable property in his sole discretion, or as may otherwise be required or necessary, convenient, or appropriate to the transactions described in this ordinance.

SECTION 3: The Parish President, Peter A. Dufresne is hereby further authorized and directed to approve on behalf of, and in the name of the St. James Parish Government any changes, additions, or deletions in any of the documents, purchase agreements, instruments, or certificates referred to in this ordinance. The signature of the Parish President, upon such documents set forth above or as may be otherwise required for or necessary, convenient, or appropriate to the manner described in this ordinance or required by the State of Louisiana, are deemed to be conclusive evidence of their due exercise of the authority vested in him hereunder; and,

BE IT, FURTHER, ORDAINED, by the St. James Parish Council, that the transfer of the immovable property as more fully described in Exhibit "A" which includes all land, buildings, additions, servitudes, right of ways and improvements of any kind, shall be accepted pursuant to this Ordinance.

**Exhibit "A", Swamp Land Property, is on file with the St. James Parish Council or can be viewed at
www.stjamesla.com/agendacenter**

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NOTICE IS HEREBY, FURTHER, GIVEN that the Parish Council of said Parish will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, 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

Note: St. James Parish will provide, upon request, reasonable accommodation to any disabled individual wishing to attend the meeting. Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation is requested to contact 1-800-846-5277 (TDD), 1-800-947-5277 (Voice) or 562-2400 (Handicapped) to discuss the particular accommodation needed.

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