

Parish Council Public Hearing and Meeting Notice
St. James Parish Land Use Ordinance
Koch Methanol St. James, LLC

The St. James Parish Council will meet to consider an application by Koch Methanol St. James, LLC (St. James Parish Planning Commission Item #25-16) for an optimization project at its facility at 5181 Wildcat Street, St. James, LA 70086 on

Wednesday, August 6, 2025, 6:00 PM
St. James Parish Council Chamber
5800 Highway 44, Convent, LA 70723

On June 30, 2025, the planning commission approved the application, and recommended approval by the parish council of the application. At the time and place above, the parish council will conduct a public hearing, and thereafter consider whether to approve the application. Additionally, if any appeal of the planning commission's approval is timely lodged, the parish council will hear and decided that appeal at the same August 6, 2025 meeting.

The project consists of upgrading existing equipment and installing new equipment to improve the facility's efficiency and reliability, and to increase its production rate. The project is in an Industrial area designated in the land use plan, and is within the footprint previously approved by the planning commission over the course of several prior land use applications for this facility (formerly known as Yuhuang Chemical, Inc. or YCI), except for a connection to an existing third-party ethane pipeline in an area designated as Wetlands.

The application and supporting documents are available from the parish's Planning and Permitting Office.

This project was considered and approved by the planning commission in 2023 as Item 23-25. That decision was appealed through parish council and the court system, resulting in a decision by the Louisiana Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal reversing and remanding the project to the planning commission. This notice pertains to consideration of the project on remand, but does not waive the parish's right to pursue relief from the Fifth Circuit's decision, which is currently the subject of the parish's pending writ application to the Louisiana Supreme Court.