



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 December 3, 2025, and laid over for publication of notice:

ORDINANCE NO. 25-27
ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JANUARY 1, 2026, TO DECEMBER 31, 2026, PARISH OF ST. JAMES, STATE OF LOUISIANA

THE ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL HEREBY ORDAINS that:

SECTION I. The estimate of revenues as reflected in the attached consolidated statement, and such other fiscal exhibits and information as required by Section 1308(D), Louisiana Local Government Budget Act, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as the Budget of Revenues for the Parish of St. James, State of Louisiana, for the Fiscal Year January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026.

SECTION II. The estimate of expenditures as reflected in the attached consolidated statement, and such other fiscal exhibits and information as required by Section 1308(D), Louisiana Local Government Budget Act, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as the Budget of Expenditures for the Parish of St. James, State of Louisiana, for the Fiscal Year January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026.

SECTION III. The adoption of the Budget of Expenditures as reflected in the line-item budget containing account object of expenditure classifications shall be declared to be the appropriation of the amounts set therein as established in each budget classification by object of expenditure.

SECTION IV. The amounts appropriated for all accounts shall not exceed the amounts fixed therefore in the Budget of Expenditures. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to prohibit the governing authority from amending or making an appropriation to and for a contingency fund to be used in cases of emergency.

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

Note: Dollar values may vary due to rounding.

PARISH OF ST. JAMES
STATE OF LOUISIANA
Year 2026 Original Budget

Consolidated Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
And Estimated Ending Fund Balances

	Beginning			Ending
	Fund	Estimated	Estimated	Fund
Type of Fund	Balance	Revenues	Expenditures	Balance
General Fund	\$ 11,630,646	\$10,853,300	\$ 14,479,750	\$8,004,196
Special Revenue Funds	71,969,322	39,051,800	44,091,850	66,929,272
Enterprise Fund	24,670,593	8,158,500	11,470,000	21,359,093
Debt Service Funds	1,947,700	12,501,500	12,414,600	2,034,600
Capital Projects Funds	8,944,659	24,352,200	30,147,300	3,149,559
Internal Service Funds	7,709,090	5,139,000	5,786,500	7,061,590
Totals	\$ 126,872,010	\$100,056,300	\$118,390,000	\$108,538,310

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The proposed budget for the Fiscal Year 2026 which is available for public inspection during business hours at the Office of the Parish President, Convent Courthouse, Convent, Louisiana; the Parish Council Office, Courthouse Annex, Vacherie, Louisiana; and the Lutchter Library and the Vacherie Library, Monday through Friday (except holidays), provides further details for the public.

NOTICE IS HEREBY, FURTHER, GIVEN that the Parish Council of said Parish will meet at 6:00p.m. on Wednesday, December 17, 2025, in the Council Chambers of the Parish Courthouse Annex at 2631 Hwy 20 in Vacherie, Louisiana 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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