



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 17, 2025, and laid over for publication of notice:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE 25-28
ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY BY THE PARISH OF ST. JAMES FROM CONSTRUCTION MAINTENANCE, INC.

WHEREAS, St. James Parish Government is experiencing significant growth due to increasing service demands and operational expansion. As a result, the St. James Parish Government’s current laydown yard, which houses critical inventory and equipment, is no longer sufficient to support ongoing and future operations.

WHEREAS, St. James Parish Government seeks to acquire additional three acres of property with a shop and office buildings to provide St. James Parish with long-term cost savings and efficiency. Consolidating the Fleet, Road & Bridge, and Drainage divisions in one central location improves coordination, reduces travel and maintenance downtime, and ensures quicker response to parish needs. Owning the property secures space for equipment storage and future growth, and strengthens the parish’s ability to provide reliable infrastructure and drainage services to residents.

WHEREAS, the immovable property and improvements to be transferred to St. James Parish Government is located at 1215 S. David Avenue, Lutchter, LA and is more fully described and is attached as a part herein, labeled Exhibit “A” and was offered and accepted by owner to purchase for the sum of \$425,000.00 which is the appraised value.

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 appraised value said property located in 1215 S. David Ave., Lutchter, LA from Construction Maintenance, Inc. to St. James Parish 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 and improvements to St. James Parish, and that the Parish President be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to execute and all such documents for, 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 and improvements 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 for, on behalf of, and in the name of the St. James Parish Government any changes, additions, or deletions in any of the documents, 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 and improvements, more fully described in Exhibit “A” which includes all land, buildings, additions, servitudes, right of ways and improvements of any kind, shall be accepted.

Exhibit A is on file with the St. James Parish Council, or it can be viewed at www.stjamesla.com/agendacenter.

NOTICE IS HEREBY, FURTHER, GIVEN that the Parish Council of said Parish will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, in the Council Chambers of the Parish Courthouse, 5800 Hwy 44, Convent, LA at which time there will be a public hearing on the adoption of the aforesaid ordinance.

s/ Vondra Etienne-Steib
Vice-Chairwoman

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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