

ORDINANCE NO. 683-07-2026

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BAY ST. LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI, AMENDING SECTION 1206.1 OF THE CITY OF BAY ST. LOUIS ZONING ORDINANCE TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM FINE FOR A VIOLATION FROM ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS TO ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS; PROVIDING THAT EACH DAY A VIOLATION CONTINUES SHALL CONSTITUTE A SEPARATE OFFENSE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Bay St. Louis has adopted a comprehensive Zoning Ordinance to protect the public health, safety, welfare, property values, community character, and orderly development of the City; and

WHEREAS, Section 1206.1 of the Zoning Ordinance currently provides for a maximum fine of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for each violation; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the existing maximum fine may be insufficient to deter violations of the Zoning Ordinance or to encourage prompt compliance; and

WHEREAS, violations of the Zoning Ordinance may adversely affect neighboring properties, public infrastructure, drainage, environmental resources, public safety, and the orderly development of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that increasing the maximum permissible fine to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for each offense will provide a more effective and appropriate enforcement mechanism; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi law authorizes the imposition of fines of up to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for applicable municipal misdemeanor violations tried without a jury, subject to the limitations and requirements of state law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BAY ST. LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE

The foregoing recitals are adopted as the findings of the City Council and incorporated into this ordinance as if fully stated herein.

The purpose of this ordinance is to strengthen enforcement of the City's Zoning Ordinance by increasing the maximum fine that may be imposed for each violation from One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT OF SECTION 1206.1

Section 1206.1 of the City of Bay St. Louis Zoning Ordinance is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

1206.1 Penalty for Violation

Any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished for each offense by a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), by imprisonment for a period not exceeding the maximum authorized by the laws of the State of Mississippi, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Each day that a violation exists or continues after the person responsible for the violation has received notice of the violation shall constitute a separate offense, unless otherwise provided by this Ordinance or applicable law.

The imposition of a fine or sentence shall not relieve any person of the duty to correct the violation, restore the affected property, obtain required permits or approvals, or otherwise comply with this Ordinance.

The penalties provided by this section shall be cumulative and shall not prevent the City from pursuing any other lawful remedy, including:

1. A stop-work order;
2. Permit suspension or revocation;
3. Denial or withholding of a certificate of occupancy or certificate of completion;
4. Injunctive or other equitable relief;
5. Abatement or correction of the violation;
6. Recovery of authorized enforcement or abatement costs; or
7. Any other civil, criminal, or administrative remedy available under this Ordinance or the laws of the State of Mississippi.

SECTION 3. CONTINUING VALIDITY

Except as expressly amended by this ordinance, all provisions of the City of Bay St. Louis Zoning Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or provision of this ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

The City Council declares that it would have adopted this ordinance and each remaining provision without the portion declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 5. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS

All ordinances, resolutions, policies, or portions thereof that conflict with this ordinance are repealed or superseded only to the extent of the conflict.

SECTION 6. CODIFICATION

The City Clerk and the City's code publisher are authorized to codify this ordinance as part of the City of Bay St. Louis Zoning Ordinance.

The City Clerk and code publisher may correct nonsubstantive typographical, grammatical, punctuation, numbering, formatting, and cross-reference errors necessary for proper codification, provided that no such correction alters the substantive meaning of this ordinance.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall become effective as provided by Mississippi law following its adoption, approval, publication, filing, or other action required by law.

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After being reduced to writing, the foregoing Ordinance 683-07-2026 was read and considered, section by section, and then as a whole, whereupon Council Member **SMITH** moved for its adoption, and after a second by Council Member **MOYNAN**, the following roll call vote was had:

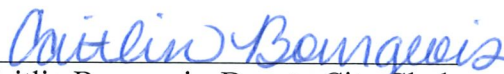
Council Member Jordan Bradford	YEA
Council Member Nancy Moynan	YEA
Council Member Phalba Holmes	YEA
Council Member Kyle Lewis	YEA
Council Member Linda Kay Davis	YEA
Council Member Josh DeSalvo	YEA
Council Member Larry Smith	YEA

Passed by the City Council of the City of Bay Saint Louis on the 21st day of July 2026.

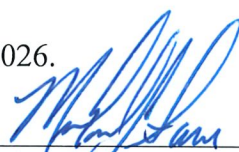
CERTIFICATION

I, Caitlin Bourgeois, Deputy Municipal City Clerk for the City of Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was approved and adopted in the public meeting of the City Council held on July 21, 2026, a quorum being present, in the City Council Conference Chambers, said Council being the duly elected, qualified, and acting governing body of Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi.

Presented by me to the Mayor on this, the 22nd day of July 2026.


Caitlin Bourgeois, Deputy City Clerk

Approved, and signed by me on this, the 22nd day of July 2026.


Michael J. Favre, Mayor