

STATE OF LOUISIANA
CITY OF WEST MONROE

ORDINANCE NO. _____

MOTION BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF AWARD IN RESPONSE TO THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR EMERGENCY DEBRIS REMOVAL, HAULING, DISPOSAL, AND RIGHT-OF-WAY CLEARING/TREE CUTTING SERVICES, DETERMINED TO BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CITY OF WEST MONROE BY THE COMMITTEE; TO AUTHORIZE THE NEGOTIATION AND THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ESSENTIAL TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF THAT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AND THE RESPONSE RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE; AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of West Monroe and the surrounding area of Northeast Louisiana has suffered significant and widespread damages resulting from the ice storm and related weather events beginning on January 24, 2026 (sometimes referred to as “Winter Storm Fern”), including downed trees, storm debris, blocked roadways, and hazardous conditions affecting emergency response, utilities, and essential services; and

WHEREAS, in order to begin to restore the affected areas within the City, it will be necessary to engage in such a significant amount of debris removal, hauling, disposal, and right-of-way clearing/tree cutting, that the City itself may be unable to provide the necessary additional manpower, equipment and related efforts; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide the necessary services, the City has prepared a “Request for Proposals for Emergency Debris Removal, Hauling, Disposal, and Right-of-Way Clearing/Tree Cutting Services”, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit “A” and which is sometimes simply referred to as the "Request For Proposals", in order to solicit contractors capable of rapidly mobilizing personnel and equipment to remove disaster-generated debris, eliminate immediate and/or ongoing threats to life, health, and safety, restore access to public rights-of-way and public property, and support community recovery, and the City has made that Request For Proposals publicly known through press release, through various public media, and through direct contact with as many of the providers of those services as was possible under the circumstances; and

WHEREAS, a number of formal Responses to the Request For Proposals have been received and have been and are being reviewed by a selected committee of knowledgeable City employees and officials (hereinafter the “Committee”), with a recommendation forthcoming,

which will be the Response determined most beneficial to the City. Contractual agreements will likely need to be executed promptly to begin providing those needed services within the City as soon as possible.

NOW, THEREFORE,

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that the City of West Monroe authorizes the acceptance of the forthcoming recommendation of award in response to the “Request for Proposals for Emergency Debris Removal, Hauling, Disposal, and Right-of-Way Clearing/Tree Cutting Services”, determining the recommended Proposal to be in the best interest of the City of West Monroe.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that Staci Albritton Mitchell, as Mayor and on behalf of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, be and she is hereby authorized to negotiate a contractual agreement for Emergency Debris Removal, Hauling, Disposal, and Right-of-Way Clearing/Tree Cutting Services with the response recommended by the Committee, in accordance with the essential terms and provisions of that Request For Proposals and the Response, and thereafter to enter into that contractual agreement with recommended entity.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that Staci Albritton Mitchell, Mayor of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, be and she is hereby authorized to further negotiate and modify any further provisions of the referenced contractual agreement as she determines necessary or appropriate prior to its execution, together with executing any and all further documents and to take any and all other actions which she determines are either necessary or appropriate in conjunction with the contractual agreement authorized above.

The above Ordinance was read and considered by Sections at a public meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, in regular and legal session convened, voted on by yea and nay vote, passed and adopted the 3rd day of February, 2026, the final vote being as follows:

YEA: _____

NAY: _____

NOT VOTING: _____

ABSENT: _____

ATTEST:

APPROVED THIS 3RD DAY OF
FEBRUARY, 2026

ANDREA PATE, CITY CLERK
CITY OF WEST MONROE
STATE OF LOUISIANA

STACI ALBRITTON MITCHELL, MAYOR
CITY OF WEST MONROE
STATE OF LOUISIANA