

STATE OF LOUISIANA
CITY OF WEST MONROE

ORDINANCE NO. _____

MOTION BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 9 OF PART 12 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA, ADDRESSING “VACANT STRUCTURES”, AND IN PARTICULAR TO AMEND SEC. 12-9001(5) SO AS TO ALSO PROVIDE AUTHORITY TO ACT TO THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR AND TO UPDATE THE DESIGNATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT; TO AMEND SEC. 12-9004(a) IN ORDER TO UPDATE THE AMOUNT OF THE APPLICABLE REGISTRATION FEE; TO DELETE SEC. 12-9007(2) AND CORRESPONDINGLY RENUMBER SECTIONS 12-9007(3) AND 12-9007(4); TO ENACT NEW SEC. 12-9007(4) IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THAT CONTRACTING WITH A DESIGN PROFESSIONAL MAY PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TIME FOR WHICH A WAIVER OF FEES IS APPLICABLE; AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the provisions of Chapter 9 of Part 12 of the Code of Ordinances regulating “Vacant Structures” need to be updated and amended, and in particular Sec. 12-9001(5) needs to be amended so as to also provide authority to act to the Deputy Director and to update the designation of the Department of Building and Development; Sec. 12-9004(a) needs to be amended to update the amount of the applicable registration fee; Sec. 12-9007(2) needs to be deleted and Sec. 12-9007(3) and 12-9007(4) need to be correspondingly renumbered; and Sec. 12-9007(4) needs to be enacted in order to provide that contracting with a design professional may provide additional time for which a waiver of fees is applicable.

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 12-9001(5) of the Code of Ordinances, City of West Monroe, Louisiana, is hereby amended, to provide as follows:

“Sec. 12-9001. Definitions.

The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

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- (5) *Director* refers to either the Director or the Deputy Director of the Department of Building and Development of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana.

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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 Sec. 12-9004(a) of the

Code of Ordinances, City of West Monroe, Louisiana, is hereby amended, so as to hereafter provide as follows:

“Sec. 12-9004. Registration fees.

- (a) Vacant structure property owners shall tender a registration fee at each six (6) months registration. The registration fee at the time of the first registration shall be five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for all other structures.

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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 Sec. 12-9007(2) of the Code of Ordinances, City of West Monroe, Louisiana, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. 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 Sec. 12-9007(3) of the Code of Ordinances, City of West Monroe, Louisiana, is hereby re-numbered as Sec. 12-9007(2), and Sec. 12-9007(4) of the Code of Ordinances, City of West Monroe, Louisiana, is hereby re-numbered as Sec. 12-9007(3).

SECTION 5. 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 Sec. 12-9007(4) of the Code of Ordinances, City of West Monroe, Louisiana, is hereby enacted, to provide as follows:

“Sec. 12-9007. Fee waivers.

- (4) The property owner has engaged in a contract with a design professional (architect or engineer) to promptly begin efforts to prepare plans in preparation for an upcoming renovation. This exemption is valid for a period of six (6) months, but may be extended, in the discretion of the Director, if provided evidence reflect the plans continue to progress in an active, commercially reasonable manner.”

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 or nay vote, passed and adopted the 16th day of July, 2024, the final vote being as follows:

YEA: _____

NAY: _____

NOT VOTING: _____

ABSENT: _____

ATTEST:

APPROVED THIS 16TH DAY OF
JULY, 2024

CINDY EMORY, CITY CLERK
CITY OF WEST MONROE
STATE OF LOUISIANA

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