

STATE OF LOUISIANA
CITY OF WEST MONROE

ORDINANCE NO. _____

MOTION BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO FURTHER EXPAND THE BOUNDARIES OF THE WEST MONROE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, STATE OF LOUISIANA, AND TO LEVY THE SALES TAX AND HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX CURRENTLY LEVIED WITHIN THE DISTRICT IN THE NEW AREAS OF THE DISTRICT; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, in order to accomplish the funding of economic development projects, including various public infrastructure improvements, in accordance with Part II of Chapter 27 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 33:9038.31 through 33:9038.42, inclusive) (the "Act"), the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the City of West Monroe, State of Louisiana (the "City"), created the West Monroe Economic Development District, State of Louisiana (the "District") pursuant to an ordinance adopted by the Governing Authority on September 11, 2007, as amended by ordinances adopted on December 11, 2018, May 10, 2022, and September 5, 2023 (collectively, the "Prior Ordinance"); and

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 33:9038.39 permits economic development districts such as the District to levy sales taxes at a rate up to two percent (2%) and hotel occupancy taxes at a rate up to two percent (2%) for authorized purposes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act and the Prior Ordinance, the District is now levying and collecting a one percent (1%) sales tax and a one percent (1%) hotel occupancy tax (collectively, the "Taxes"), which provide funds for economic development projects within the District; and

WHEREAS, this Governing Authority now desires to give notice of its intention to hold a public hearing relative to (i) the proposed further expansion of the boundaries of the District (the "Expanded Area") and (ii) the proposed levy of the Taxes in the Expanded Area, and therefore the Act requires the publication of a notice two (2) times expressing the intent to further expand the boundaries of the District and levy taxes within the Expanded Area, the first publication to appear at least fourteen (14) days before the date of the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, a notice in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A shall be published two (2) times in the Citizen, the official journal of the City and the District.

NOW, THEREFORE,

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the City of West Monroe, State of Louisiana, and of the West Monroe Economic Development District, State of Louisiana, that in accordance with the Act, the Governing Authority does hereby give notice of its intention to further expand the boundaries of the District and levy the Taxes within the Expanded Area.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the City of West Monroe, State of Louisiana, and of the West Monroe Economic Development District, State of Louisiana, that publication of the notice described in the recitals of this ordinance for the purposes set forth therein is hereby approved, and said notice is authorized and directed to be published two (2) times in the official journal of the City and the District.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the City of West Monroe, State of Louisiana, and of the West Monroe Economic Development District, State of Louisiana, that at the date, time and place set forth in said notice, as published, the Governing Authority will meet in open and public session to hear any objections to the proposed expansion of the boundaries of the District and the levy of the Taxes within the Expanded Area, and may consider the adoption of ordinance(s) expanding the boundaries of the District and levying the Taxes within the Expanded Area.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the City of West Monroe, State of Louisiana, and of the West Monroe Economic Development District, State of Louisiana, that this Governing Authority finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of special counsel on matters related to the expansion of the boundaries of the District, and accordingly, Foley & Judell, L.L.P., of New Orleans, Louisiana, is hereby employed as special counsel for said purpose. The fee to be paid said special counsel shall be an amount computed at hourly rates based on the Attorney General's then current Maximum Hourly Fee Schedule, together with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses, and the Finance Director is authorized to pay such invoices as and when presented.

SECTION 5. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the City of West Monroe, State of Louisiana, and of the West Monroe Economic Development District, State of Louisiana, that the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby authorized and empowered to do all acts, sign any and all instruments or documents, and do all things necessary and proper in order to carry out the purposes of this ordinance.

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, this 7th day of

October, 2025, the final vote being as follows:

YEA: _____

NAY: _____

NOT VOTING: _____

ABSENT: _____

ATTEST:

APPROVED THIS 7TH DAY OF
OCTOBER, 2025

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

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

EXHIBIT A

CITY OF WEST MONROE, STATE OF LOUISIANA

NOTICE OF INTENTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the City of West Monroe, State of Louisiana, and as the governing authority of the West Monroe Economic Development District, State of Louisiana (the "District"), pursuant to the authority of Part II, Chapter 27, Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 33:9038.31 through 9038.42, inclusive)(the "Act"), proposes to consider further expanding the District to include the boundaries set forth below (the "Expanded Area"):

SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority proposes to levy the one percent (1%) sales tax and the one percent (1%) hotel occupancy tax (collectively, the "Taxes") currently levied in the District within the Expanded Area. The proceeds of the Taxes will continue to be deposited in a special trust fund to be used for the furtherance of economic development projects within the District, all pursuant to the authority of the Act.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet in open and public session on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., at its regular meeting place, Council Chambers, West Monroe City Hall, 2305 N. 7th Street, West Monroe, Louisiana, and will at that time hear any and all objections to the proposed expansion of the boundaries of the District and the levy of the Taxes within the Expanded Area.