

STATE OF LOUISIANA

CITY OF WEST MONROE

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION BY: \_\_\_\_\_

SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 9-3006 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA, TO NOW INCLUDE A PROHIBITION WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF ANY R-1, R-2, OR R-1H DISTRICT AGAINST OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF CERTAIN DESIGNATED TRUCKS FROM ALLOWING SUCH VEHICLES TO STAND, STOP OR PARK ON PUBLIC STREETS, RIGHTS OF WAY OR OTHER PUBLIC PROPERTIES OR ON PRIVATE DRIVEWAYS, RIGHTS OF WAY OR OTHER PRIVATE PROPERTIES, EXCEPT THIS PROHIBITION SHALL BE INAPPLICABLE TO ANY TRUCK BEING ACTIVELY UTILIZED FOR TREE OR OTHER DEBRIS REMOVAL, OR SIMILAR ACTIVITY, AT THE SITE WHERE LOCATED; TO MODIFY THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY IF ANY PORTION IS HELD INVALID; TO SET AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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 9-3006 of the Code of Ordinances, City of West Monroe, Louisiana, is hereby amended, to provide as follows:

**“ Sec. 9-3006. Additional provisions regarding standing, stopped or parked vehicles.**

(a) (1) Within the boundaries of any R-1 district, any R-2 district, or any R-1H district (each as defined in section 12-5001, et seq), it shall be unlawful for the registered owner or for the operator of any vehicle to allow the vehicle to remain standing, stopped or parked in excess of a period of four (4) hours when such vehicle is located within seven (7) feet of the marked or unmarked centerline of any street or road. Both the registered owner and the operator of the vehicle shall be jointly and equally responsible for any violation, and either or both may be issued either a citation or a summons for the violation. For purposes of this section, the term "vehicle" shall include any motor vehicle, as defined in R.S. 32:1(40) and any trailer, as defined in R.S. 32:1(84), whether attached to or detached from a motor vehicle.

(2) Within the boundaries of any R-1 district, any R-2 district, or any R-1H district (each as defined in section 12-5001, et seq), it shall be unlawful for the registered owner or for the operator of any Class 5, Class 6, Class 7, or Class 8 truck (as defined by the Federal Highway Administration vehicle classification system) to allow such vehicle to stand, stop, or park on any public street, right-of-way, or other public properties or on any private driveway, right-of-way, or other private properties; however, this prohibition shall be inapplicable to any truck being actively utilized for tree or other debris removal, or similar activity, at the site where located. Both the registered owner and the operator of the vehicle shall be jointly and equally responsible for any violation of this subsection, and either or both may be issued a citation or summons for the violation.

(3) If neither the registered owner nor the operator are able to be promptly located, the citation may be secured to the vehicle, and/or may be mailed to the registered owner of the vehicle. In either situation, such attachment and/or mailing to the registered owner at the address reflected on the records of the vehicle registration shall itself be deemed as

sufficient notice, and proper service of the citation or summons on the registered owner.

(b) Within the boundaries of any R-1 district, any R-2 district, or any R-IH district (each as defined in section 12-5001, et seq), it shall be unlawful for the registered owner and for the operator of any vehicle to allow the vehicle to remain standing, stopped or parked:

(1) Within the publicly owned right-of-way (whether paved or unpaved) of any street or road within twenty (20) feet of the closest portion of any intersection; or

(2) On the paved portion of any street or road, beyond twenty (20) feet but within fifty (50) feet of the closest portion of any intersection.

(c) If any vehicle has not been relocated such that no continuing violation of this section or other applicable law continues to exist within twenty-four (24) hours of the issuance of any citation or summons, the vehicle may be towed at the sole cost of the owner pursuant to R.S. 32:472, R.S. 32:473, or other applicable law. Any vehicle which has been previously cited for a similar violation at a location within one hundred (100) yards of the current location of the vehicle (measured along the outer edge of the road surface) during the previous ninety (90) days may be immediately towed.

(d) A violation of any provision of this section shall be punished by a fine which shall not exceed two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for a first offense, which shall not exceed three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for a second offense, and which shall not exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for a third or subsequent offense.

(e) (1) Notwithstanding the restrictions above in (a), (b), and (c), the Chief of Police of the West Monroe Police Department, or his designated subordinate, shall have the right to grant exceptions to those restrictions (including the right to establish terms and conditions in order to obtain eligibility for an exception), not to exceed three (3) days in length without the concurrence of the mayor, for special events and parades (whether or not a permit is required or has been issued), for emergencies, and for other special situations determined by the chief of police as being occasions or situations where an exception is appropriate.

(2) This section shall not be applicable to the various departments of the City of West Monroe, nor to its employees as relates to any vehicle owned by the city.”

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 if any provisions or sections of this ordinance are held invalid, such invalidity should not affect the other provisions or sections of this ordinance which can be given in effect without the invalid provisions or sections, and to this end the provisions and sections of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

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 for cause determined to be in the

best interests of the City of West Monroe and its citizens, this enactment shall be effective on October 13, 2025.

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 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025, the final vote being as follows:

YEA:\_\_\_\_\_

NAY:\_\_\_\_\_

NOT VOTING:\_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT:\_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

APPROVED THIS 7TH DAY OF  
OCTOBER, 2025

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

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