

STATE OF LOUISIANA
CITY OF WEST MONROE

ORDINANCE NO. _____

MOTION BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA ("CITY") AND SOS PETS OF OUACHITA ("SOS") TO REAFFIRM AND PROVIDE FOR THE CITY'S FINANCIAL COMMITMENT FOR A NEW ANIMAL SHELTER; AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, through the continued efforts of SOS and a pending agreement between SOS and the Ouachita Parish Police Jury for the transfer of funds and assignment of pledges received by SOS for the construction of the facility, construction of the animal shelter is now underway by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury. The animal shelter will be owned and operated by Ouachita Parish Police Jury, and funding for construction and subsequent operation of the facility for the benefit of all of Ouachita Parish, including the City of West Monroe and its residents, is now assured. The project will significantly benefit the City by improving animal control outcomes and enhancing public safety and community welfare; and

WHEREAS, the City made a commitment to contribute during the planning stages of this project, and now desires to fulfill its previous financial commitment to SOS for the construction of such animal shelter by making its payment toward its construction through SOS, which will thereafter transfer such funds, along with other funds held by SOS, to the Ouachita Parish Police Jury for the exclusive purpose of constructing the new animal shelter, and the Ouachita Parish Police Jury will thereafter operate the facility for the benefit of Ouachita Parish.

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 for the reasons set forth therein, the City of West Monroe does hereby approve entering into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with SOS Pets of Ouachita in order to provide funding for a new animal shelter. Said funding will be payable jointly to SOS and the Ouachita Parish Police Jury and used solely for construction of the animal shelter facility.

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 of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, be and she is hereby authorized to execute the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City and SOS Pets of Ouachita which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

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, as Mayor of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, be and is hereby authorized to take any and all actions and to execute any and all further documents she deems either necessary or proper to carry out the activities arising out of the agreement described above according to its terms and intent, including but not limited to such negotiations and modifications as she determines appropriate regarding the terms and conditions of the agreement.

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 7th day of April, 2026, the final vote being as follows:

YEA: _____

NAY: _____

NOT VOTING: _____

ABSENT: _____

ATTEST:

APPROVED THIS 7TH DAY OF
APRIL, 2026

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

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