

STATE OF LOUISIANA
CITY OF WEST MONROE

ORDINANCE NO. _____

MOTION BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

AN ORDINANCE TO ENLARGE THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA PURSUANT TO R. S. 33:171 ET SEQ., BY ANNEXING TERRITORY CONSISTING OF A TRACT LOCATED AT 525 THOMAS ROAD, AND WHICH PROPERTY IS OWNED BY TJO HOLDINGS, LLC, SAID TERRITORY BEING CONTIGUOUS TO THE EXISTING BOUNDARIES OF THE MUNICIPALITY; TO RETAIN ANY LAWS OR ORDINANCES NOT REPUGNANT HERETO AND NOT SPECIFICALLY REPEALED HEREIN; AND TO PROVIDE THAT IF ANY SUB-SECTION, ARTICLE, CLAUSE, SENTENCE, PHRASE, OR PART, OR APPLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE FOR ANY REASON SHOULD BE FOUND UNCONSTITUTIONAL OR INVALID, NO OTHER PARTS AND/OR APPLICATIONS THEREOF SHALL BE AFFECTED.

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Title 33, Section 171 et seq., as amended, provides for the procedure for annexation of territory into the corporate limits of a municipality; and,

WHEREAS, by Ordinance Number 1646, adopted June 14, 1977, now codified in Sec. 1-2002 and 1-2003 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, adopted by reference the provisions of R.S. 33:171 et seq., as amended from time to time by the Louisiana Legislature, in addition to vesting certain authority pertaining thereto in the Planning Commission of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana; and,

WHEREAS, there has been compliance with the procedure required by R.S. 33:171 et seq., as amended, and Ordinance Number 1646 of the City of West Monroe, including but not limited to the following:

- a) A Petition (see Exhibit "1") has been presented to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana by TJO Holdings, LLC, requesting that property owned by petitioner and located at 525 Thomas Road, West Monroe, Louisiana, which property is owned by TJO Holdings, LLC, said property being contiguous to the existing boundaries of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana and consisting of acreage owned by TJO Holdings, LLC (and more particularly shown by vicinity map attached hereto as Exhibit "2" and more particularly described in Exhibit "3" hereto) be annexed into the corporate limits of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana;
- b) A certificate of the Ouachita Parish Assessor is attached hereto as Exhibit "4" certifying that according to assessment for property taxes for 2023 for the property described in Exhibit "3" is owned by both a majority of the number of property owners and the owners of more than a majority in value of that property, and the total property tax assessment for parish taxes for 2023 is in the amount of \$27,051 of

which the amount of \$27,051, or 100% represents the value of property owned by the persons signing the petition for annexation;

- c) A certificate of the Ouachita Parish Registrar of Voters is attached hereto as Exhibit "5" certifying that according to the records of the Registrar of Voters there are no registered voters residing within the territory described in Exhibit "3";
- d) Proof of publication of the filing of the petition, as required by R.S. 33:172B, and of a public hearing by the West Monroe Planning Commission concerning that petition of TJO Holdings, LLC for annexation is attached hereto as Exhibit "6";
- e) Pursuant to notice as evidenced by Exhibit "6", the West Monroe Planning Commission on the 16th day October, 2023, held a public hearing regarding said petition for annexation by TJO Holdings, LLC, resulting in the recommendation to the West Monroe Board of Aldermen that the property described in Exhibit "3" be annexed into the corporate limits of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana;
- f) Pursuant to that notice required by law, the West Monroe Board of Aldermen on the 21st day of November, 2023, held a public hearing regarding said petition for annexation by TJO Holdings, LLC.

WHEREAS, following said hearing by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen and after careful consideration of all recommendations, comments, and objects made at said hearing the Mayor and West Monroe Board of Aldermen declare that it is in the best interest of the City of West Monroe to annex into the corporate limits of the City of West Monroe the property described in Exhibit "3".

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 property owned by TJO Holdings, LLC, and contiguous to the existing boundaries of the corporate limits and located in the vicinity as shown by the map attached hereto as Exhibit "2" and more particularly described in Exhibit "3" be annexed into the corporate limits of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana.

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 the Mayor of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, or her designee, be and they shall hereby be authorized to take all further actions and execute all further documents, resolutions and/or certifications as are required under R.S. 33:171, et seq., or other applicable law, as are necessary, proper or desirable, particularly including but not limited to the filing of the entire boundary of the municipality as changed in order that the annexation of property set forth above be effected at the earliest possible date.

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 all Ordinances or parts

of Ordinances in conflict herewith hereby are repealed, but this repeal shall be only insofar as such Ordinances conflict and/or are inconsistent with this Ordinance; and all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances not inconsistent herewith shall continue in full force and effect.

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 the articles, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinances are deemed to be severable, and if any sub-section, article, clause, sentence, phrase, or part of this Ordinance shall be declared to be unconstitutional and/or invalid, such unconstitutionality and/or invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining articles, sentences, paragraphs, clauses or phrases which can be given effect without the unconstitutional and/or invalid provision(s).

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 this 21st day of November, 2023, with the final vote being as follows:

YEA: _____

NAY: _____

NOT VOTING: _____

ABSENT: _____

ATTEST:

APPROVED THIS 21ST DAY OF
NOVEMBER, 2023

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

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