

STATE OF LOUISIANA
CITY OF WEST MONROE

ORDINANCE NO. _____

MOTION BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND LEVY AN INCREASE IN THE FEE FOR EACH SERVICE OR TRANSACTION OF THE LOCAL FIELD OFFICE OF THE MOTOR VEHICLES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONS TO THE AMOUNT OF \$8.00 PER SERVICE OR TRANSACTION EXCEPT FOR THE RENEWAL OF MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION LICENSE; TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONS TO COLLECT AND REMIT THAT CHARGE AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE USES AND PURPOSES FOR THE AMOUNTS COLLECTED; TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of West Monroe, Louisiana has provided and will continue to provide a facility for the use of the local field Office of Motor Vehicles of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, and to offset certain other expenses of that office; and

WHEREAS, the additional costs of operation of the local field office of the Office of Motor Vehicles are not fully funded by the State of Louisiana;

WHEREAS, by virtue of the provisions of R.S. 32:429, local governing authorities are authorized to levy a fee for each service or transaction carried out as an operation of the local field office to provide funds for its operations, and R.S. 32:429(A)(3) now allows the City of West Monroe to levy an amount not to exceed eight dollars (\$8.00); and

WHEREAS, the City desires to increase the fee that it currently levies for each service or transaction, from four dollars and fifty cents (\$4.50) to the maximum eight dollars (\$8.00) that is permitted by state law; and

WHEREAS, the funds received by the City as a result of the levy will be used solely to defray the cost of operations of that local field office, including but not limited to facility rental, utilities and maintenance in accordance with the law.

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 City of West Monroe, Louisiana, does hereby levy a fee of \$8.00 per service or transaction carried out as an operation of the local field office (West Monroe, Louisiana) of the Office of Motor Vehicles of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, except this fee shall not apply to procurement or renewal of motor vehicle

registration license, and the funds so levied and collected shall be utilized solely to defray the cost of operations of the local field office which is supported by the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, including but not limited to facility rental, utilities and maintenance, and other related expenses.

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, is hereby authorized to execute any agreement she determines necessary or desirable by and between the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, and the Department of Public Safety and Corrections so that all such fees which are collected shall be deposited in the State Treasury in the Escrow Fund for the account of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, and held for the account of the City of West Monroe, with the distribution of all such fees to the City of West Monroe, Louisiana being as provided by law or regulation.

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 she is hereby authorized to take any action or execute any further documents and to take any and all other actions she deems either necessary or proper to effectuate and carry out the provisions of the foregoing.

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 for cause determined to be in the best interests of the City of West Monroe and its citizens, this amendment shall be effective on and after August 1, 2023.

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 18th day of July, 2023, the final vote being as follows:

YEA: _____

NAY: _____

NOT VOTING: _____

ABSENT: _____

ATTEST:

APPROVED THIS 18TH DAY OF
JULY, 2023

CHRISTEN HEATH, CITY CLERK
CITY OF WEST MONROE
STATE OF LOUISIANA

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