

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 THE PAVED AND UNPAVED PORTION OF APPROXIMATELY 400 LINEAR FEET OF LOUISIANA HIGHWAY 617/THOMAS ROAD, WHICH IS OWNED BY THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT**, ALL OF WHICH 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THE EXISTING BOUNDARIES OF THE MUNICIPALITY; TO RETAIN ANY LAWS OR ORDINANCES NOT REPUGNANT HERETO AND NOT SPECIFICALLY REPEALED HEREIN; AND TO PROVIDE THAT IF ANY SUB-SECTION, ARTICLE, CLAUSE, SENTENCE, PHRASE, OR PART, OR APPLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE FOR ANY REASON SHOULD BE FOUND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, R.S. 33:180 provides for annexation of public property and roads by ordinance, upon petition of the public body owning the land to be included. The municipality may upon majority vote adopt such an ordinance without the necessity of advertisement, petition by residents, or public hearing.

WHEREAS, R.S. 33:180.B. requires that annexation of the paved portion of a public road include all property adjacent to at least one side of such road.

WHEREAS, there has been compliance with the requirements of R.S. 33:180 et seq., as amended, and Ordinance Number 1646 of the City of West Monroe, including but not limited to the following:

- a) The State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development has provided a letter of no objection (see **Exhibit "1"**) to the annexation of an approximate 400-foot linear segment of the full width of Louisiana Highway 617, also known as Thomas Road, said segment of Louisiana Highway 617 being contiguous on both sides with the boundaries of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, more particularly shown by vicinity map attached hereto as **Exhibit "2"** and more particularly described in **Exhibit "3"**; and,

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 said property, 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 6th day of February, 2024 with the final vote being as follows:

YEA: _____

NAY: _____

NOT

VOTING: _____

ABSENT: _____

ATTEST:

APPROVED THIS 6TH DAY OF
FEBRUARY, 2024

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

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