

The following resolution was offered by _____ and seconded
by _____:

RESOLUTION

A resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in the City of West Monroe, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, March 29, 2025, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the City of West Monroe, State of Louisiana (the "City"), that:

SECTION 1. Canvass. This Governing Authority does now proceed in open and public session to examine the official tabulations of votes cast at the special election held in the City of West Monroe, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, March 29, 2025 (the "Election"), to authorize the levy of a special tax therein pursuant to the following proposition (the "Proposition"):

PROPOSITION (MILLAGE)

Shall the City of West Monroe, State of Louisiana (the "City"), levy a special tax of 4.50 mills (the "Tax") on all property subject to taxation in the City for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034 (an estimated \$820,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), for the purpose of funding capital expenditures exclusively for the Fire and Police Departments of the City?

This Governing Authority does further proceed to examine and canvass the returns of the Election thereof.

SECTION 2. Election Results. According to the official certified tabulation of votes cast at said Election, there was a total of **587** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition and a total of **557** votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition, resulting in a majority of **30** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition. The Proposition was therefore duly **CARRIED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the Election.

SECTION 3. Promulgation of Election Result. The results of said election shall be promulgated by publication in the manner provided by law, after receipt from the Secretary of State's office of the actual costs of the election, as required by §18:1292 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended.

SECTION 4. Declaration. The foregoing results of the Election are hereby declared by this Governing Authority and shall be published as required by law.

SECTION 5. Procès Verbal. A *Procès Verbal* of the canvass of the returns of the Election shall be made and a certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who shall record the same in her office; another certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Recorder of Mortgages in and for the Parish of Ouachita, who shall record the same in the Mortgage Records of said Parish; and another copy thereof shall be retained in the archives of this Governing Authority.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 15th day of April, 2025.

/s/ Andrea N. Pate

City Clerk

/s/ Staci Albritton Mitchell

Mayor

PROCÈS VERBAL OF THE CANVASS OF THE VOTES CAST AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD
IN THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025.

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED that on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., at its regular meeting place, the West Monroe Council Chambers, 2305 N. 7th Street, West Monroe, Louisiana, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the City of West Monroe, State of Louisiana (the "City"), and being the authority ordering the special election held therein on Saturday, March 29, 2025, with a quorum of the Governing Authority present and did, in open and public session, examine the official certified tabulations of votes cast at the said election, and did examine and canvass the returns of the said election, there having been submitted at said election the following proposition, to wit:

PROPOSITION
(MILLAGE)

Shall the City of West Monroe, State of Louisiana (the "City"), levy a special tax of 4.50 mills (the "Tax") on all property subject to taxation in the City for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034 (an estimated \$820,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), for the purpose of funding capital expenditures exclusively for the Fire and Police Departments of the City?

There was found by said count and canvass that there was a total of **587** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition and a total of **557** votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition, as hereinabove set forth, and it was further found and determined that there was a majority of **30** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition as hereinabove set forth.

Therefore, the Governing Authority did declare and proclaim and does hereby declare and proclaim in open and public session that the Proposition as hereinabove set forth was duly **CARRIED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the said special election held in the City on Saturday, March 29, 2025.

Results by precinct are available from the City Clerk of this Governing Authority during regular business hours or via the Louisiana Secretary of State's website (voterportal.sos.la.gov).

Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part of this *Procès Verbal* is a copy of the Notice of Special Election and proof of publication thereof.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at West Monroe, Louisiana, on this, the 15th day of April, 2025.

ATTEST:

/s/ Staci Albritton Mitchell
Mayor

Andrea N. Pate
City Clerk

EXHIBIT "A"

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the City of West Monroe, State of Louisiana (the "City"), on November 12, 2024, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the City on **SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the City qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

**PROPOSITION
(MILLAGE)**

Shall the City of West Monroe, State of Louisiana (the "City"), levy a special tax of 4.50 mills (the "Tax") on all property subject to taxation in the City for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034 (an estimated \$820,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), for the purpose of funding capital expenditures exclusively for the Fire and Police Departments of the City?

The said special election shall be held at the polling places for the following precincts, which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to wit:

PRECINCTS

27(PART)
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30(PART)
33(PART)
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35(PART)
37(PART)
42(PART)
43(PART)
44A(PART)
46(PART)
47(PART)

The polling places for the precincts set forth above are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$40,100.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the tax described in the Proposition shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the West Monroe Council Chambers, 2305 N. 7th Street, West Monroe, Louisiana, on **TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025**, at **6:00 P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the City are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

PROCLAMATION

I, the undersigned Mayor of the City of West Monroe, State of Louisiana, do hereby declare, proclaim and announce that the proposition submitted at the special election held in the City on Saturday, March 29, 2025, was CARRIED by a majority of the votes cast at the said special election, all as described and set out in the above *Procès Verbal*.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at West Monroe, Louisiana, on this, the 15th day of April, 2025.

/s/ Staci Albritton Mitchell

Mayor

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF OUACHITA

I, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of West Monroe, State of Louisiana (the "City"), do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of the proceedings and *Procès Verbal* made by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City on April 15, 2025, providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in the City on Saturday, March 29, 2025, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature at West Monroe, Louisiana, on this, the 15th day of April, 2025.

City Clerk