

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 4326 CYPRESS STREET, AND WHICH PROPERTY IS OWNED BY BILLY RANSOM GOLSON AND SARA H. GOLSON AND AN ABUTTING TRACT ALSO OWNED BY SAID PETITIONERS AND HAVING THE SAME ADDRESS, 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THE EXISTING BOUNDARIES OF THE MUNICIPALITY; TO RETAIN ANY LAWS OR ORDINANCES NOT REPUGNANT HERETO AND NOT SPECIFICALLY REPEALED HEREIN; AND TO PROVIDE THAT IF ANY SUB-SECTION, ARTICLE, CLAUSE, SENTENCE, PHRASE, OR PART, OR APPLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE FOR ANY REASON SHOULD BE FOUND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, 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 has been presented to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana by Billy Ransom Golson and Sara H. Golson requesting that the two adjacent properties owned by the petitioners and located at 4326 Cypress Street, West Monroe, Louisiana, (see Exhibit "1") be annexed into the corporate limits of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana. Said properties being contiguous to the existing boundaries of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana and consisting of acreage more particularly shown by vicinity map attached hereto as Exhibit "2" and more particularly described in Exhibit "3";
- 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" and depicted in Exhibit "2" that the property is owned by both a majority of the number of property owners and the owners of more than 25 percent in value of the property, with the petitioners representing the only private property to be annexed;
- 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 to be held by the West Monroe Planning Commission concerning the described annexation is attached hereto as Exhibit "6";

e) Pursuant to that notice shown on Exhibit 6, the West Monroe Planning Commission scheduled a public hearing on January 16, 2024, which was then rescheduled to January 18, 2024 due to extreme adverse weather conditions; at that meeting, after discussion, the completion of the hearing was tabled until the meeting to be held on February 19, 2024, with proper notice thereafter provided of the time, date, and location of that deferred hearing, as shown on Exhibit 7; at that February 19, 2024 meeting, further discussion was again tabled until the meeting to be held on March 18, 2024, with proper notice thereafter provided of the time, date, and location of that deferred hearing, as shown on Exhibit 8; at that March 18, 2024 meeting, further discussion was again tabled until the meeting to be held on April 15, 2024, with proper notice thereafter provided of the time, date, and location of that deferred hearing, as shown on Exhibit 9; and at that April 15, 2024 meeting, the public hearing was then resumed, with all previous issues which had been raised then being resolved and all questions by the public then being satisfactorily answered, resulting in the recommendation to the West Monroe Board of Alderman that the properties described in Exhibit "3" be annexed into the corporate limits of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana.

f) Pursuant to notice as evidenced by Exhibit "10", the West Monroe Board of Aldermen held a public hearing regarding said petitions for annexation on May 7, 2024.

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 7th day of May, 2024, with the final vote being as follows:

YEA: _____

NAY: _____

NOT VOTING: _____

ABSENT: _____

ATTEST:

APPROVED THIS 7TH DAY OF
MAY, 2024

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

THOM HAMILTON, MAYOR PRO TEM
CITY OF WEST MONROE
STATE OF LOUISIANA