

STATE OF LOUISIANA  
CITY OF WEST MONROE

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION BY: \_\_\_\_\_

SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY WITH RESPECT TO THE TEMPORARY USE OF THE WEST MONROE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S RESERVE LADDER FIRE TRUCK IN THE EVENT OF THE LOSS OF USE OF FIRE APPARATUS BY THE OUACHITA PARISH FIRE DEPARTMENT; AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 14(C) of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana provides that "for a public purpose, the State and its political subdivisions or political corporations may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other, with the United States or its agencies, or with any public or private association, corporation, or individual."; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Monroe and its fire department ("WMFD") and the fire department of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury ("OPFD") recognize that cooperative use of fire apparatus enhances regional safety and ensures the ability of fire departments to maintain necessary operations despite mechanical failures or emergency conditions; and

WHEREAS, while WMFD and OPFD are already parties to a general state-wide Mutual Aid Agreement, OPFD also desires to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement regarding specific fire apparatus; and

WHEREAS, in the event that OPFD should experience loss of use of fire apparatus due to maintenance, repair, or emergency conditions, then under certain circumstances and conditions to be set forth in that cooperative endeavor agreement, WMFD is agreeable to make its reserve ladder truck available to OPFD to reduce the risk of interruption of emergency services; and

WHEREAS, such an agreement, whose purpose is to enhance public health and safety by ensuring continuity of fire suppression and emergency medical response services through shared availability of fire apparatus, is beneficial to the City of West Monroe and to its residents, and to all of Ouachita Parish

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 Staci Albritton Mitchell, as Mayor of the

City of West Monroe, Louisiana, be and she is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (“CEA”) with the Ouachita Parish Police Jury (“OPPJ”) with respect to the the temporary use of the West Monroe Fire Department's reserve ladder fire truck in the event of the loss of use of fire apparatus by the Ouachita Parish Fire Department, with that CEA to provide for such further terms, conditions and provisions as may be reasonable and appropriate, all as are more fully set forth in the draft of such an agreement which is set forth in Exhibit “A”.

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, be and she is hereby further authorized to undertake further modification to that draft of that Cooperative Endeavor Agreement attached as she determines necessary or appropriate, and to execute any and all further documents and to take any and all further actions as she deems either necessary or proper.

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 or nay vote, passed and adopted the 6th day of January, 2026, the final vote being as follows:

YEA: \_\_\_\_\_

NAY: \_\_\_\_\_

NOT VOTING: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

APPROVED THIS 6TH DAY OF  
JANUARY, 2026

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ANDREA PATE, CITY CLERK  
CITY OF WEST MONROE  
STATE OF LOUISIANA

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

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