

STATE OF LOUISIANA
CITY OF WEST MONROE

ORDINANCE NO. _____

MOTION BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

AN ORDINANCE EXPANDING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE WEST MONROE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, STATE OF LOUISIANA; EXTENDING THE LEVY OF A SALES TAX AND A HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX WITHIN THE EXPANDED AREA OF THE DISTRICT; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, in order to accomplish the funding of economic development projects, including various public infrastructure improvements, in accordance with Part II of Chapter 27 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 33:9038.31 through 33:9038.42, inclusive) (the "Act"), 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"), created the West Monroe Economic Development District, State of Louisiana (the "District") pursuant to Ordinance No. 3686 adopted by the Governing Authority on September 11, 2007, as amended by Ordinance No. 4615 adopted on December 11, 2018; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act and Ordinance No. 4616 adopted by the Governing Authority on December 11, 2018 (the "Tax Ordinance"), the District is now levying and collecting a one percent (1%) sales tax and a one percent (1%) hotel occupancy tax (collectively, the "Taxes"), such Taxes being effective in perpetuity from and after January 1, 2019 pursuant to the Tax Ordinance, which provide funds for economic development projects; and

WHEREAS, this Governing Authority now desires to expand the boundaries of the District (the "Expanded Area") and levy the Taxes within the Expanded Area; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Act, there has been published two times in the *Ouachita Citizen*, the official journal of the City and the District, a notice in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, relative to the proposed expansion of the boundaries of the District and the proposed levy of the Taxes within the Expanded Area, and informing the citizens of the City of the date of consideration of this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on this date, at which public hearing no objections were made to the proposed expansion of the boundaries of the District or the proposed levy of the Taxes within the Expanded Area; and

WHEREAS, according to the certificate of the Registrar of Voters for the Parish of Ouachita attached hereto as **Exhibit B**, no registered voters reside within the Expanded Area, and therefore La. R.S. 33:9038.39 permits the Governing Authority, acting as the governing authority of the District, to levy the Taxes within the Expanded Area for authorized purposes without the necessity of holding an election thereon, and this Governing Authority now wishes to levy the Taxes within the Expanded Area;

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 all of the above "Whereas" clauses are adopted as part of this Ordinance.

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 Governing Authority hereby expands the boundaries of the District to include the boundaries set forth in **Exhibit A** attached hereto, which **Exhibit A** is hereby incorporated in and made a part of this Ordinance, all pursuant to the Act.

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 the levy of the

Taxes is hereby extended to the Expanded Area, and the Tax Ordinance is hereby amended to the extent necessary to provide for the levy of the Taxes within the Expanded Area. The proceeds of the Taxes will continue to be deposited into the West Monroe Economic Development District Trust Fund established by Ordinance No. 3686.

A copy of this Ordinance shall be furnished to the Collector (as defined in the Tax Ordinance) with a request that the Collector enforce and collect the Taxes within the Expanded Area in accordance with the Tax Ordinance.

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 Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby authorized to do any and all things necessary and incidental to carry out the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. 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 Tax Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect, except as expressly amended hereby. All other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 6. 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 If any provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this Ordinance, but this Ordinance shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provisions had not been contained herein. Any constitutional or statutory provision enacted after the date of this Ordinance which validates or makes legal any provision of this Ordinance which would not otherwise be valid or legal, shall be deemed to apply to this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. 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 good cause and in the best interests of the City of West Monroe and its residents, this amendment shall be effective May 11, 2022.

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, this 10th day of May, 2022, the final vote being as follows:

YEA: _____

NAY: _____

NOT VOTING: _____

ABSENT: _____

ATTEST:

APPROVED THIS 10TH DAY OF
MAY, 2022

RONALD S. OLVEY, CITY CLERK
CITY OF WEST MONROE
STATE OF LOUISIANA

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

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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 an ordinance adopted by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the City and the West Monroe Economic Development District, State of Louisiana, on May 10, 2022, expanding the boundaries of the West Monroe Economic Development District, State of Louisiana; extending the levy of a sales tax and a hotel occupancy tax within the expanded area of the District; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature on this, the 10th day of May, 2022.

City Clerk