

STATE OF LOUISIANA
CITY OF WEST MONROE

ORDINANCE NO. _____

MOTION BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

ORDINANCE TO AMEND SEC 12-7001(c) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEFINITION OF "STRUCTURE UNFIT FOR HUMAN OCCUPANCY" WILL INCLUDE A STRUCTURE WHICH LACKS A CONTINUOUSLY OPERATING WATER SUPPLY FOR A SPECIFIED EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME; TO PROVIDE THAT THIS AMENDMENT IS SEVERABLE; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in special and legal session convened, that Section 12-7001(c) of the Code of Ordinances, City of West Monroe, Louisiana, is hereby amended, to provide as follows:

“Sec. 12-7001. Dangerous and dilapidated structures unlawful.

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(c) Structure unfit for human occupancy.

1. A structure is unfit for human occupancy whenever the code official finds that such structure is unsafe, unlawful or, because of the degree to which the structure is in disrepair or lacks maintenance, is unsanitary, vermin or rat infested, contains filth and contamination, or lacks ventilation, illumination, sanitary or heating facilities or other essential equipment required by law or ordinance, or because the location of the structure constitutes a hazard to the occupants of the structure or to the public.

2. A structure is also unfit for human occupancy whenever the code official finds that a residence does not have a continuously operating water supply for a time period in excess of 10 days, except that this shall not be applicable where the lack of a continuously operating water supply is due to:

(i) the temporary inability of the City to provide that continuously operating water supply, or

(ii) repairs which are necessary to the service lines, interior piping, facilities, or appliances servicing or within the structure, and those repairs have been initiated and are thereafter continuing through to successful completion.

The lack of a continuously operating water supply resulting from non-payment or under-payment of the charges billed for the supply of that continuously operating water supply is not an exception to a structure being unfit for human occupancy.

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SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in special and legal session convened, that if any provisions or sections of this ordinance are held invalid, such invalidity should not affect the other provisions or sections of this ordinance which can be given in effect without the invalid provisions or sections, and

to this end the provisions and sections adopted in this ordinance are hereby declared severable;

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in special and legal session convened, that for cause determined to be in the best interests of the City of West Monroe and its citizens, this enactment shall be effective on April 27, 2022;

The above Ordinance was read and considered by sections at a public meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, in special and legal session convened, voted on by yea or nay vote, passed and adopted the 26th day of April, 2022, the final vote being as follows:

YEA: _____

NAY: _____

NOT VOTING: _____

ABSENT: _____

ATTEST:

APPROVED THIS 26TH DAY OF
APRIL, 2022

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

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