

STATE OF LOUISIANA
CITY OF WEST MONROE

ORDINANCE NO. _____

MOTION BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2-3003 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA, TO PROVIDE FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ACKNOWLEDGE ACCEPTANCE AND/OR APPROVAL ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CERTAIN DESCRIBED MATTERS IN CERTAIN APPROPRIATE CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN THERE IS NO DESIGNATED CITY ENGINEER AVAILABLE; TO PROVIDE THAT THIS AUTHORIZATION DOES NOT OTHERWISE MODIFY THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CODE, NOR OTHERWISE REDUCE OR ELIMINATE THE NECESSITY FOR APPROPRIATE PROFESSIONAL REVIEW; TO RATIFY ANY AND ALL PRIOR ACCEPTANCE AND/OR APPROVAL BY THESE METHODS WHICH HAVE OCCURRED SINCE MARCH 29, 2024; TO ESTABLISH 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 regular and legal session convened, that Section 2-3003 of the Code of Ordinances, City of West Monroe, Louisiana, is hereby amended, to provide as follows:

“Sec. 2-3003. Designation of city engineer; alternative method of approval.

- A. The mayor shall have the authority to select one or more duly licensed and qualified persons to serve as a city engineer for the City of West Monroe, and shall assign to such person(s) the duties as the mayor determines are either necessary or appropriate. The mayor shall also determine whether the position(s) shall be as an employee of the city, or whether the required services may be best provided as an independent contractor or independent agent; shall establish the compensation to be paid for the services to be performed; and shall establish and provide for all other terms, conditions and provisions of the engagement(s).
- B. (i) At any time there is no selected or designated city engineer, or the city engineer is unable to act due to illness or other absence, conflict of interest, or other reason, then the Mayor (or, if authorized by the Mayor, the head of the Department of Building and Development) shall be authorized to sign in lieu of a City Engineer on behalf of the city in order to acknowledge acceptance and/or approval of any and all subdivision or other plats, or to acknowledge or provide other required acceptance and/or approval on behalf of the city in lieu of the signature of a City Engineer.
- (ii) This authorization to sign in lieu of the signature of a City Engineer shall not otherwise modify the provisions of this code, nor otherwise reduce or eliminate either the necessity for appropriate professional review nor compliance with the provisions of this code.”

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 any and all action taken pursuant to the provisions mentioned above which have occurred on or after March 29, 2024 are hereby ratified and confirmed;

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 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 of this ordinance are hereby declared severable;

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 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 17, 2024;

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 16th day of April, 2024, the final vote being as follows:

YEA: _____

NAY: _____

NOT VOTING: _____

ABSENT: _____

ATTEST:

APPROVED THIS 16TH DAY OF
APRIL, 2024

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

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