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VETO MESSAGE - ORDINANCE NO. 513-2026

Members of the Youngsville City Council:

Pursuant to my authority as Mayor, I hereby return Ordinance No. 513-2026 without my approval.

While I appreciate the Council's desire to address concerns regarding construction activity, I believe the ordinance imposes broad citywide restrictions in response to what appears to be a localized concern. Construction occurs in a variety of settings throughout Youngsville, including established neighborhoods, developing subdivisions, commercial areas, and public infrastructure projects, and the ordinance does not distinguish between these circumstances.

Additionally, at least one neighborhood that prompted discussion of this ordinance already exercises substantial oversight of construction activity through architectural review and approval of building plans. Neighborhood specific concerns may be more appropriately addressed through HOA regulations rather than a citywide ordinance affecting all construction activity.

I am also concerned that the ordinance limits flexibility necessary for weather dependent and traffic sensitive work. In South Louisiana, excessive heat, rainfall, and storm events routinely require adjustments to construction schedules. Likewise, public roadway, utility, drainage, and other infrastructure projects often require work outside traditional hours to reduce traffic impacts, maintain public safety, and complete projects efficiently.

For these reasons, I do not believe Ordinance No. 513-2026 strikes the appropriate balance between protecting neighborhood quality of life and preserving the flexibility necessary to support responsible growth, construction, and infrastructure investment within our city. Accordingly, I respectfully veto Ordinance No. 513-2026.

Respectfully,

Ken Ritter, Mayor  
City of Youngsville