

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs, STATE OF LOUISIANA,  
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2020 AT 5:30 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Natchitoches met in legal and regular session at the Natchitoches Municipal Building, 716 Second Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana on Monday, April 13, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

There were present:

Mayor Lee Posey  
Councilman At Large Don Mims, Jr.  
Councilman Dale Nielsen  
Councilwoman Sylvia Morrow  
Councilman Lawrence Batiste

Guests: None

Absent: None

Mayor Lee Posey called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone for coming. Mayor Posey led the invocation and Councilman Dale Nielsen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Posey then called for the reading and approval of the minutes for the March 9th, 2020 meeting. Mr. Mims moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes and approval of same. Seconded by Ms. Morrow, a roll call vote was as follows:

<b>Ayes:</b>	<b>Batiste, Nielsen, Mims, Harrington, Morrow</b>
<b>Nays:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Absent:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Abstain:</b>	<b>None</b>

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Harrington and Seconded by Ms. Morrow as follows, to –wit:

**RESOLUTION NO. 013 OF 2020**

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 2020 AS  
FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES**

**WHEREAS**, the 52<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, during the month of April, is an occasion for all Americans - individually and collectively - to rededicate themselves to the principle of freedom from housing discrimination whenever it exists; and

**WHEREAS**, this law guarantees for each citizen the critical, personal element of freely choosing a home; and

**WHEREAS**, a fair housing law has been passed by the State of Louisiana, and implementation of the law requires the positive commitment, involvement, and support of each of our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the department and agencies of the state of Louisiana are to provide leadership in the effort to make fair housing not just an idea, but an ideal for all our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, barriers that diminish the rights and limit the options of any citizen to freely choose a home will ultimately diminish the rights and limit the options of all.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** I, Lee Posey, Mayor, and the Natchitoches City Council, hereby proclaim the month of April 2020, as

**FAIR HOUSING MONTH**

in the City of Natchitoches.

This Resolution was then presented for a vote, and the vote was recorded as follows:

<b>AYES:</b>	<b>Batiste, Nielsen, Mims, Harrington, Morrow</b>
<b>NAYS:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	<b>None</b>

**THEREUPON**, Mayor Lee Posey declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

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**LEE POSEY, MAYOR**

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Nielsen and Seconded by Mr. Harrington as follows, to –wit:

**RESOLUTION NO. 014 OF 2020**

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE WEEK OF APRIL 13-18, 2020 AS NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK IN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES**

**WHEREAS**, the Community Development Block Grant Program has operated since 1974 to provide local governments with the resources required to primarily meet the needs of low and moderate income persons; and

**WHEREAS**, the Community Development Block Grant Program is among the few remaining federal programs available to address the needs of low and moderate income persons and small cities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Community Development Block Grant Program has provided the state of Louisiana with important and flexible assistance to meet the needs of low and moderate income residents of small cities by funding sewer, water, and street improvements projects, economic development projects, and other public improvement projects; and

**WHEREAS**, Congress and the nation acknowledge the critical value of the Community Development Block Grant Program and the significant projects that rely on its funds for support; and

**WHEREAS**, the week of April 13–18, 2020 has been reserved for recognition and appreciation of the Community Development Block Grant Program

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Lee Posey, Mayor, and the Natchitoches City Council, do hereby proclaim April 13-18, 2020 as:

**NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK**

in the City of Natchitoches

This Resolution was then presented for a vote, and the vote was recorded as follows:

**AYES:**           **Batiste, Nielsen, Mims, Harrington, Morrow**  
**NAYS:**           **None**  
**ABSENT:**       **None**  
**ABSTAIN:**      **None**

**THEREUPON**, Mayor Lee Posey declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

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**LEE POSEY, MAYOR**

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Mims and Seconded by Ms. Morrow as follows, to –wit:

**RESOLUTION NO. 017 OF 2020**

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 2020 AS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHE**

**WHEREAS**, National Child Abuse Prevention Month is an annual opportunity to raise awareness about issues surrounding child abuse and neglect and engage community members in the ongoing effort to keep children safe; and

**WHEREAS**, CASA is one of a group of National Child Abuse Prevention Partner Organizations, selected by the Children’s Bureau to serve as partners in the national child abuse prevention initiative; and

**WHEREAS**, the work of CASA and volunteers is crucial to preventing child abuse and ensuring that children live in safe and permanent environments where they can thrive; and

**WHEREAS**, studies have indicated that children with a CASA volunteer are less likely to languish in long-term foster care, more likely to receive needed services and less likely to re-enter the foster care system; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse prevention requires partnerships among federal, state, and local governments, faith-based and community-based organizations, schools, law enforcement, social service agencies, parents; and

**WHEREAS**, during National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and throughout the year, I encourage all citizens of Natchitoches to find ways to cherish our children, strengthen our families, work together to eliminate child abuse and neglect, and strive toward a shared dream in which every child is safe and happy.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Lee Posey, Mayor, and the Natchitoches City Council, do hereby proclaim April 2020 as:

**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

in Natchitoches, and call upon all citizens to increase their participation in our efforts to prevent child abuse, which in turn will strengthen our community in which we live.

This Resolution was then presented for a vote, and the vote was recorded as follows:

<b>AYES:</b>	<b>Batiste, Nielsen, Mims, Harrington, Morrow</b>
<b>NAYS:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	<b>None</b>

**THEREUPON**, Mayor Lee Posey declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

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**LEE POSEY, MAYOR**

Mayor Posey took some time to thank Jack Duty and all the other CASA volunteers in our community for this needed service they provide.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Batiste and Seconded by Mr. Harrington as follows, to-wit:

**ORDINANCE NO. 025 OF 2020**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 64 OF 2001 BY CHANGING ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:**

**TO REZONE THE FOLLOWING:** Lot 81 Feet Front West Side Cypress Avenue, North By McClelland, South And West By Carroll, Less Lot To American Cemetary.

**(124 Cypress Ave.)**

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, has recommended at their meeting of **March 3, 2020** that the application of Kirk A & Jane E. Cordell to rezone the property described above from R-1 Residence One-Family to R-2 Residence Multiple-Family to convert an accessory building to a guest house, be **APPROVED**.

**THIS ORDINANCE** was introduced on March 9, 2020 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on March 12, 2020.

The above Ordinance having been duly advertised in accordance with law and public hearing had on same, was put to a vote by the Mayor and the vote was recorded as follows:

**AYES: Batiste, Nielsen, Mims, Harrington, Morrow**  
**NAYS: None**  
**ABSENT: None**  
**ABSTAIN: None**

**THEREUPON**, Mayor Lee Posey declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

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**LEE POSEY, MAYOR**

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**DON MIMS, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE**

Delivered to the Mayor on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020 at 10:00 A.M.

Mayor Posey stated the City received several letters of support in favor of this zoning change and wanted it to be read into the minutes. He then opened the floor for comments.

Mr. Harrington stated there has been a lot of discussion and a lot of history he personally does not have any issues with the zoning change as has been discussed at the previous meeting. Did we discuss the possibility of Amending this as so it is not zoned R-2, but R-1 Special Exception.

Mr. Mims stated he remembers Ms. Fowler said we couldn't do that.

Mr. Nielsen stated it was stated there needs to be two meters, but I think there only needs to be one.

Mr. Harrington asked could it be changed to R-1, Special Exception?

Ms. Fowler stated

Stacy McQueary, City Clerk stated she had received several emails today in support of Kirk Cordell's application for R-2 Zoning and those were Mary Streigal, Curt Phifer, and Michelle Robinson with one letter of opposition.

Bill Vance, Natchitoches Parish Journal, stated there was a comment on social media, but it was not relevant to Ordinance 025 of 2020.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Nielsen and Seconded by Mr. Harrington as follows, to-wit:

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 024 OF 2020**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT ORDINANCE**

**NUMBER 1103 OF 1974, ALSO KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE, WHICH IS APPENDIX B TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHE, LOUISIANA, SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION II(A)(4), DEALING WITH ANNEXED TERRITORY ZONING FOR MOBILE HOME PLACEMENT, AND SECTION III(A)(4), DEALING WITH SUPPLEMENTARY USE REGULATIONS, AND SECTIONS VIII (B)(4) AND (B)(5), DEALING WITH AMENDMENTS, AND SECTIONS VII (A)(7) AND (B)(3)(b) DEALING WITH VIOLATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT OF ZONING REGULATIONS, AND SECTIONS I AND V(B)(3)(a) TO ADD PROVISION FOR PERMEABLE PARKING, AND FURTHER ADOPTING A PREFERRED USE PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY ON THE LOUISIANA HIGHWAY 478 CORRIDOR.**

**WHEREAS**, at the direction of the Mayor, the Director of Planning and Zoning in coordination with the Planning & Zoning Commission have reviewed the current Zoning Regulations for the City of Natchitoches relative to the Residents/Mobile Home Districts and Residents/Mobile Home Park Districts in areas of the City for use as residential housing; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, the Planning & Zoning Commission has identified sixteen (16) mobile home parks within the City of Natchitoches as well as one mobile home subdivision within the City of Natchitoches; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, the Planning & Zoning Commission as well as the City of Natchitoches have an obligation to promote the public health, safety and general welfare of the City of Natchitoches by providing for the orderly development of the City; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, the City of Natchitoches has an interest in all of its citizens being able to achieve long-term home ownership; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, the City of Natchitoches has an interest in protecting the property values of its existing residents; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, revised regulations are needed to guide development of mobile home districts/mobile home parks/mobile home park subdivisions within the City of Natchitoches; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, the Planning & Zoning Commission after review of the request of the Mayor, concurs that there is currently a sufficient number of mobile homes to house those individuals desirous and in need of living in such a structure; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, the Planning & Zoning Commission does not object to the Mayor's position that it is desirous and necessary to recommend that the City limit any additional mobile homes/mobile home parks/mobile home subdivisions at this time; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, the Planning & Zoning Commission concurs with the Mayor that it is necessary to recommend that the City adopt further regulations designed to protect the residential character of the area protected by the zoning regulation standards and to ensure a residential environment and compatibility with adjoining sites; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, the Planning & Zoning Commission anticipates future development of the land along the Louisiana Highway 478 corridor; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, based upon consultation for the development of the Louisiana Highway 478 corridor, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends that the City adopt the preferred use plan attached hereto as "Exhibit A"; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, the City of Natchitoches has established zoning regulations designed to protect the residential character of districts zoned as R-1 Residential Districts and to encourage a suitable neighborhood environment for family life.

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, all commercial activities are prohibited in districts zoned as R-1 Residential in the City of Natchitoches unless a permitted use or special exception use applies.

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, in order to enforce the provisions of the zoning regulations, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends that the Zoning Ordinance be amended to provide for citations to be issued and to increase the penalties for those persons or entities who are found in violation of the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance.

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends that a definition and provision for “permeable paving” be added to the Zoning Ordinance; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, the City Council for the City of Natchitoches accepts the finding and recommendations of the Planning and Zoning Commission, and is of the opinion that the proposed changes to the City of Natchitoches Zoning Regulations will promote the public health, safety and general welfare by providing for the orderly development of the City; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, the City Council for the City of Natchitoches accepts the findings of the Planning and Zoning Commission and consultants and is of the opinion that the adoption of the preferred land use plan for the Highway 478 corridor will promote the public health, safety, and general welfare by providing for the orderly development of the City; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, the City Council for the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana desires to amend and reenact Section I, Section II(A)(4), Section III(A)(4), Section V(B)(3)(a), Section VII (A)(7) and (B)(3)(b), and Section VIII(B)(4) and (5) of Ordinance Number 1103 of 1974, also known as the Zoning Ordinance, which is Appendix B to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, the City Council for the City of Natchitoches desires to adopt the preferred use plan for the Highway 478 corridor which is attached hereto as “Exhibit A.”

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Appendix B, Zoning Regulations, Section II, Districts, Subsection A(4) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

“4. Annexed territory. Zoning for all territory annexed to the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, hereafter shall be classified by the City Council at the time of annexation.”

**SECTION 2.** Appendix B, Zoning Regulations, Section III, Supplementary Regulations, Subsection A(4) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

“4. *Individual mobile homes and all portable structures.*

- a. *General.* All mobile/manufactured homes to be placed on any lot or parcel within the City of Natchitoches must comply with the standards defined herein. These regulations are designed to protect the residential character of the area protected by these standards and to ensure a residential environment and compatibility with adjoining sites. For the purpose of this section, travel trailers and recreational vehicles shall not be authorized for use as permanent residence and shall not be provided sewer, water or electric utility connections in residentially zoned area. Individual small units, campers, or campers mounted on the beds of ½ or ¾ ton trucks shall be permitted provided that said individual small units, campers, or campers mounted on trucks are not connected to electricity or to the sewerage system or water system of the City of Natchitoches.
- b. *Use Restrictions.* Mobile homes shall not be located on any lot, plot or parcel of ground within the corporate limits of the City of Natchitoches except in zoning districts classified as RMH-P Mobile Home Park Districts or RMH-1 Mobile Home Subdivision Districts.
- c. *Exceptions.* No person shall use or occupy a mobile home or travel trailer as a place of business on any lot or tract of ground within the corporate limits of the city, except as an office for a mobile home or travel trailer sales site, or temporary construction trailer used as an office related to a permitted construction project; provided that any such unit so used is connected to the public water and sewerage system and to all other utilities as required.
- d. *Temporary Permit.* Before any mobile home or other portable structure, as described in Paragraph a. above, can be placed temporarily on any lot or parcel of ground, a permit must first be obtained from the City. Said permits will be valid for a maximum period of fifteen days.
- e. *Development permit/application fee required.* A nonrefundable application fee of \$50.00 shall accompany each application for a mobile home placement permit.
- f. *Minimum lot area.* The minimum lot area required for mobile home placement shall be no less than 6,500 square feet.
- g. *Setback requirements.* Mobile home lots shall the following building setbacks.

Front yard: 25 feet

Side yard: 5 feet

Back yard: 25 feet

- h. *Site plan required.* A scaled site plan showing the lot dimensions, location and placement of the mobile home, location of the driveway, proposed parking areas, name and location of adjacent streets and any additional information deemed necessary to document conformance with this section must accompany the application.
- i. *Age Restriction of Structure.* A nonconforming mobile home located on an individual lot shall be allowed to be replaced with a mobile home of equal or lesser size and shall have a date of manufacture of not more than (5) years from the date of application for a permit to install. Any such replacement mobile home shall be subject to all size and replacement requirements as set forth in this code. The applicant shall be responsible for providing documentation acceptable to the Zoning Administrator that the mobile home complies with the age restriction. The relocation of a nonconforming mobile home to a new site shall be deemed a new placement and shall for the purpose of regulation not be allowed.
- j. *Installation Standards.* Installation and anchoring of manufactured homes shall be in compliance with the provisions of this section and with the standards for manufactured housing as contained in NFPA 501. Each mobile home shall be permanently sited (non-mobile). The wheels, axles and tongue must be removed.
  - (1) *Skirting.* Mobile homes must be skirted with acceptable skirting which includes vinyl or metal. Skirting must be reinforced with framing material that will increase the rigidity of the skirting wall.
  - (2) *Parking and access.* A paved driveway with minimum width of ten (10) feet shall be provided. At least two on-site parking spaces must be provided. Parking may be in tandem. Parking shall be constructed in accordance with the drainage and surfacing requirements as set forth in Section V.A.(3) a Off-Street Parking Requirements of the Zoning Regulations.
  - (3) *Inspection required.* The mobile home site shall be checked by the City Building Inspector for availability of utility connections and property drainage. Utility services, whether provided by the City of Natchitoches or other utility companies providing services to the site shall not be authorized until the required installation standards have been met and the appropriate permit issued.
- k. *Nonconforming uses.* A mobile home presently located in the City of Natchitoches on individual lots in any zoning district or in an established mobile home park currently zoned RMH-P Mobile Home Park District or mobile home subdivisions currently zoned RMH-1 Mobile Home Subdivision District covered by this section at the time of the enactment or subsequent amendment of this section but not in conformity with the provisions thereof, may be continued in such nonconforming use by its

present owner or transferee provided that the nonconforming mobile/manufactured home shall be required to comply with the regulations contained in Section VI. Nonconforming uses and structures of the Zoning Regulations. Vacant lots in a nonconforming mobile home park or mobile home subdivisions shall be deemed an approved site for a mobile home as set forth in the zoning district in which the mobile home is located. No additional RMH-1 or RMH-P Districts shall be created.

1. *Penalties and fines.* Any person, firm, partnership or corporation who installs a mobile home or other portable structure without first obtaining the permits as provided for herein shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than one hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$100.00) or imprisonment not to exceed ten (10) days or both. Each day that the violation continues shall be considered a separate offense.”

**SECTION 3.** Appendix B, Zoning Regulations, Section VIII, Amendments, Subsection B(4) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

“4. *Office of Zoning Administration.* The Office of Zoning Administration shall certify the application for public hearing and shall notify the applicant of the time and place of such public hearing. Within ten days after such notification the applicant shall:

- a. *Additional information.* Furnish the Office of Zoning Administration with such additional information as it may request;
- b. *Owners of surrounding property.* If the proposed amendment would require a change in the Zoning Map, furnish the Office of Zoning Administration with the name, description of property owned, and mailing address of each owner or property lying within a distance of three hundred feet of the fronting corners of the property the classification of which is sought to be changed, such distance to be measured along the property lines of the streets on which such property is located and along any other streets crossing the same or leading therefrom; in the case of a corner lot, the rear corner on the side street shall be considered a fronting corner;
- c. *Fee.* Deposit seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) with the Planning Commission to cover the cost of advertising and processing the amendment.”

**SECTION 4.** Appendix B, Zoning Regulations, Section VIII, Amendments, Subsection B(5) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

“5. *Public hearing by planning commission.* The Office of Zoning Administration shall fix a reasonable time for a public hearing and shall give public notice thereof, as required by law, as well as notice to the applicant. The Office of Zoning Administration may also notify the owners of surrounding property by mail as the names and addresses of such owners have been furnished by the applicant and may post a notice of such hearing on the property included within the proposed district. The Planning Commission shall prepare a record of its proceedings for each case showing the grounds of its recommendation. The record of the proceedings shall be filed in the Office of Zoning Administration and shall be public record; a certified copy of the record of proceedings shall be transmitted to the City Council.”

**SECTION 5.** Appendix B, Zoning Regulations, Section VII, Administration and Enforcement, Subsection (A)(7) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

“7. *Violations.* Any person, firm, or corporation violating any provision of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined, upon conviction, not less than one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than ten days or both, for each offense; each day that a violation is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense. The imposition of any penalty hereunder shall not preclude the municipality or any proper person from instituting any appropriate action or proceedings to require compliance with the provisions of this ordinance and with administrative orders and determinations made hereunder.”

**SECTION 6.** Appendix B, Zoning Regulations, Section VII, Administration and Enforcement, Subsection (B)(3)(b) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

“b. *Enforcement.* Issue written orders requiring compliance with the Provisions of this ordinance; such orders shall be served personally or by both certified and registered mail upon the person, firm, or corporation deemed by the Office to be violating the provisions of this ordinance; provided, however, that if such person, firm, or corporation is not the owner of the land on or the structure in which the violations is deemed to exist or to have occurred, a copy of the order shall be sent by registered mail to the owner of such land or structure, the owner to be determined from the tax roll for the preceding year in the office of the Tax Assessor of Natchitoches Parish. The date of mailing shall be deemed the date of service of any order served by registered mail. Nothing herein shall

preclude the Office from requesting that law enforcement issue a citation to violators of this ordinance after said violators fail to comply with a written orders from this Office.”

**SECTION 7.** Appendix B, Zoning Regulations, Section I, Definitions, is hereby amended and reenacted to add the following (in alphabetical order):

“*Permeable Paving.* A pavement system designed to allow movement of stormwater through the pavement surface and into an aggregate base. Concrete bases and mortar are prohibited. Materials include but are not limited to pervious concrete, porous asphalt, aggregate if stabilized with a grid-system that prevents compaction and washout; and permeable pavement, such as open-jointed blocks, pavers, or bricks that provide void spaces between to allow stormwater infiltration.”

**SECTION 8.** Appendix B, Zoning Regulations, Section V, Off-Street parking and off-street truck loading, Subsection (B)(3)(a) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

“a. Drainage and surfacing. They shall be properly graded for drainage, surfaced with permeable paving, concrete, asphaltic concrete, or asphalt, and maintained in good condition, free of weeds, dust, trash, and debris;”

**SECTION 9.** The preferred use map for the Highway 478 corridor, attached hereto as “Exhibit A” is hereby adopted.

**SECTION 10.** All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 11.** If any portion of this Ordinance is declared to be invalid or unconstitutional in any manner, the invalidity shall be limited to that particular section or provision, and shall not affect the remaining portions of the ordinance, which shall remain valid and enforceable, it being the intention of the City Council that each separate provision shall be deemed independent of all other provisions herein.

**SECTION 12.** This ordinance shall go into effect upon publication and in accordance with law.

**THIS ORDINANCE** was introduced on February 24, 2020 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on February 27, 2020.

The above Ordinance having been duly advertised in accordance with law and public hearing had on same, was put to a vote by the Mayor and the vote was recorded as follows:

**AYES:** Batiste, Nielsen, Mims, Harrington, Morrow  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSENT:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None

**THEREUPON**, Mayor Lee Posey declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to  
0 Nays this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

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**LEE POSEY, MAYOR**

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**DON MIMS, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE**

Delivered to the Mayor on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020 at 10:00 A.M.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Batiste and Seconded by Mr. Harrington as follows, to-wit:

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 026 OF 2020**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 26 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, ENTITLED POLICE, IN ORDER TO AMEND SECTION 26-2 WHICH SECTION PROVIDES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A PROGRAM TO ALLOW A POLICE OFFICER TO ACQUIRE HIS SERVICE FIREARM UPON RETIREMENT, SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 26-2, PROVIDING FOR ADVERTISING, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Natchitoches enacted Sections 26-1 through 26-3 to provide for a program under which retiring police officers may purchase their service weapon in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 33:4712(G); and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, Section 26.2 currently provides that a retiring officer must have 25 years of active service with the City of Natchitoches Police Force in order to qualify for the program; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, the Chief of Police has proposed an amendment to this section of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Natchitoches in order to reduce the years of active service from 25 to 20; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches accepts the recommendation of the Chief of Police and desires to amend Section 26-2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Natchitoches, entitled "Requirements for Purchase of Firearm" to reduce the required years of service from 25 to 20 years; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches has reviewed the proposed amendment to Section 26-2 of the Code of Ordinances, and agrees that the amendment is advisable and in the best interest of the City of Natchitoches and its citizens; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Section 26-2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Natchitoches is hereby amended to provide as follows:

**“Section 26-2. Requirements for purchase of firearm.**

In order to be qualified to purchase his or her service weapon, a police officer must:

(1) Retire from the City of Natchitoches Police Department after Twenty (20) years active service with the Department; and

(2) Be in good standing with the Municipal Police Employees’ Retirement System, or its successor.”

**SECTION 2.** All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 3.** If any portion of this Ordinance is declared to be invalid or unconstitutional in any manner, the invalidity shall be limited to that particular section or provision, and shall not affect the remaining portions of the ordinance, which shall remain valid and enforceable, it being the intention of the City Council that each separate provision shall be deemed independent of all other provisions herein.

**SECTION 4.** This Ordinance shall go into effect upon publication and in accordance with law.

**THIS ORDINANCE** was introduced on March 9, 2020 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on March 12, 2020.

The above Ordinance having been duly advertised in accordance with law and public hearing had on same, was put to a vote by the Mayor and the vote was recorded as follows:

**AYES:**            **Batiste, Nielsen, Mims, Harrington, Morrow**  
**NAYS:**           **None**

**ABSENT: None**  
**ABSTAIN: None**

**THEREUPON**, Mayor Lee Posey declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to  
0 Nays this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

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**LEE POSEY, MAYOR**

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**DON MIMS, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE**

Delivered to the Mayor on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020 at 10:00 A.M.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Mims at the April 13, 2020 City Council meeting as follows:

**ORDINANCE NO. 029 OF 2020**  
**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE**  
**CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs FOR THE FISCAL YEAR**  
**JUNE 1, 2020 THROUGH MAY 31, 2021**

**WHEREAS**, the fiscal year of the City of Natchitoches is from June 1 through May 31 of each year; and

**WHEREAS**, a budget has been prepared by the Finance Director, Debbie Miley, and has been submitted by the Mayor, Lee Posey, to the City Council for review and consideration;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it ordained that the Natchitoches City Council does hereby adopt the budget for the fiscal year June 1, 2020 through May 31, 2021.

**CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs 2020 - 21 FY**

General Fund	\$ 17,285,388
Proprietary Fund (Utility)	\$ 36,532,850
Special and Capital Project Funds	\$ 22,317,679

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, in accordance with L.R.S. 39:1305, the following specifies the Mayor’s authority to make budgetary amendments without approval of the governing authority, as well as those powers reserved solely to the governing authority:

The Home Rule Charter of the City of Natchitoches states in part “... at any time during the fiscal year the Mayor may transfer part or all of any unencumbered appropriation balance among programs within a department, office, or agency. Upon written request by the Mayor, the Council may by ordinance transfer part or all of any unencumbered appropriation balance from one department, office, or agency to another...” (Section 5.05 D) Supplemental, emergency, and reductions of appropriations must be submitted to the Council for approval by Ordinance. (Section 5.05 A-C)

Mayor Posey stated we know what is going on with this virus right, it is going to be very impactful on our budgets. We currently have a hiring freeze on and every project has been put on hold that hadn't already started. We are waiting on those sales tax numbers to come in for March, although we were up for February. He stated, we are doing everything we can with six weeks left of the budget year, but know we will not recover budget wise quickly.

Mr. Batiste asked what this meant for the April 30<sup>th</sup> date.

Mayor Posey stated, April 30<sup>th</sup> is what the governor deemed the stay at home order. Our goal is to get us through April 30<sup>th</sup>. Other municipalities have already made cutbacks across the board with their payroll some being as high as 20%. We are going to be looking at everything and then stated, we know with our reserve we can get by in interim right now. Mayor Posey stated the sales tax is already impacting our budgets and this is something we have to consider. Hopefully by April 30<sup>th</sup> we will have a lot more answers, but we need the citizens of Natchitoches to not become lax and adhering to the restrictions put in place.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Harrington and Seconded by Mr. Nielsen as follows, to –wit:

**RESOLUTION NO. 011 OF 2020**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs IN OPPOSITION OF ALL PROPOSED LEGISLATION THAT ENABLES THE LEGISLATURE TO REMOVE THE AUTHORITY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO ADMINISTER AND COLLECT LOCAL SALES & USE TAXES**

**WHEREAS** the Constitution of the State of Louisiana grants local governments the right to levy and collect local sales and use taxes;

**WHEREAS** there are legislative efforts introduced in the 2020 Regular Legislative Session that would allow the legislature to transfer collection responsibility of all local sales and use tax levies to the state Department of Revenue or another entity;

**WHEREAS**, HB 428/HB 581 would provide, upon passage of a constitutional amendment, that the Louisiana Department of Revenue is the central collector for all local sales and use taxes, as well as all local occupational license taxes;

**WHEREAS**, HB 429 would permit any business taxpayer to remit local sales and use taxes to the Louisiana Sales and Use Tax Commission for Remote Sellers instead of their local collector as desired;

**WHEREAS**, there are fundamental differences in the imposition, administration, and auditing of sales taxes regarding remote sellers versus non-remote sellers;

**WHEREAS**, there is already an online portal through which non-remote sellers may remit all sales and use taxes due to all local taxing authorities and the state of Louisiana, Parish E-file, and that online platform is free of charge to all such taxpayers;

**WHEREAS**, local taxing authorities possess the best knowledge and experience to properly collect their own taxes and have a proven record of proactive advancements in the areas of enforcement, audit coverage, dispute resolution, reporting technology, and successful litigation;

**WHEREAS**, neither the Department of Revenue nor the Louisiana Sales and Use Tax Commission for Remote Sellers would be able to provide the necessary taxpayer assistance, enforcement programs, and training of employees on the specific application of local sales and use tax ordinances without significant bureaucratic inflation and large cost contributions from local governments, thereby resulting in the both direct and indirect loss of local tax receipts;

**WHEREAS**, many local taxing authorities have issued bonded indebtedness guaranteed by the passage of locally adopted sales and use tax levies, the collection of said levies being the direct responsibility of those local governments; and the transfer of that responsibility to a state agency may violate bond covenants, generate legal challenges, and jeopardize future bond issuances; and

**WHEREAS**, the single local collector in each parish is directly responsible to the local taxing authorities and their elected officials for the performance of local tax administration, but that connexity would not exist between local taxing authorities and the Secretary of the Department of Revenue (an appointee of the Governor), therefore there exists great uncertainty

as to who in the Department of Revenue will be accountable to local taxing authorities for the performance of such critical local tax administration;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Natchitoches, a local taxing authority urges each member of the legislative delegation for the Parish of Natchitoches to vigorously strongly oppose any and all proposed legislation that would transfer the administration and collection of local sales and use taxes to the Louisiana Department of Revenue or some other central collector; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent forthwith to said legislators so that they will be notified of our position on this matter.

This Resolution was then presented for a vote, and the vote was recorded as follows:

**AYES:           Batiste, Nielsen, Mims, Harrington, Morrow**  
**NAYS:           None**  
**ABSENT:       None**  
**ABSTAIN:       None**

**THEREUPON**, Mayor Lee Posey declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

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**LEE POSEY, MAYOR**

Mayor Posey stated there has been a move from the legislature to move tax collections to the State of Louisiana and to my knowledge every tax collector in the state is against it. He stated this would mean taking your local control out of tax collections and thinks this should be handled on a local level. The Louisiana Municipal Association is who reach out to all municipalities across the state and this is our way of communicating our support.

The following Resolution was introduced by Ms. Morrow and Seconded by Mr. Harrington as follows, to –wit:

**RESOLUTION NO 012 OF 2020**

**A RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING CLOYD BENJAMIN, JR., AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, LOUISIANA.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Natchitoches, in its endeavors to promote and attract industry, organized the Industrial Development Board of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, Inc. (the "IDB"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Natchitoches City Council affirmed the appointment of the members of the Board of Directors of the IDB by Resolution No. 016 of 2012, adopted on April 23, 2012 and fixed the terms of the Directors of the IDB by Resolution No. 063 of 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the term of Cloyd Benjamin as a Director for the IDB of the City of Natchitoches will expire on April 23, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Natchitoches City Council wishes to re-appoint Cloyd Benjamin for a term commencing on April 23, 2020 and ending on April 23, 2026; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Natchitoches does, in legal session convened, hereby re-appoint Cloyd Benjamin, Jr., as a member of the Board of Directors of the Industrial Development Board of the City of Natchitoches, for a term commencing on April 23, 2020 and ending on April 23, 2026.

This Resolution was then presented for a vote, and the vote was recorded as follows:

<b>AYES:</b>	<b>Batiste, Nielsen, Mims, Harrington, Morrow</b>
<b>NAYS:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	<b>None</b>

**THEREUPON**, Mayor Lee Posey declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

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**LEE POSEY, MAYOR**

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Mims and Seconded by Mr. Batiste as follows, to –wit:

**RESOLUTION NO. 015 OF 2020**

**NATCHITOCHEES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
DISTRICT D, STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF A ONE PERCENT (1%) SALES AND USE TAX UPON THE SALE AT RETAIL, THE USE, THE LEASE OR RENTAL, THE CONSUMPTION AND STORAGE FOR USE OR CONSUMPTION, OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY AND ON SALES OF SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT FOR A PERIOD COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2021 AND ENDING ON APRIL 1, 2036 WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF NATCHITOCHEES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT D, STATE OF LOUISIANA IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND AS AUTHORIZED BY PART II, CHAPTER 27 OF TITLE 33 OF THE LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTES OF 1950, AS AMENDED, AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.**

**WHEREAS**, Part II, Chapter 27, Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 33:9038.31, *et seq.*) (the “**EDD Act**”) authorizes municipalities, parishes, and certain other local governmental subdivisions to create economic development districts to carry out the purposes of the Act, which economic development districts are political subdivisions of the State of Louisiana and possess such power and authority and have such duties as provided by the EDD Act and other law; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 33:9038.39 of the EDD Act permits economic development districts to levy sales taxes for authorized purposes in addition to any other sales taxes then in existence or permitted to be in existence therein, and provided that in the event there are no qualified electors in the district in question, as certified by the Registrar of Voters, no election shall be required prior to the levy of the herein-defined District Tax; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the EDD Act, this City Council, acting as the governing authority of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana (the “**City**”), adopted an ordinance on February 24, 2020, which created Natchitoches Economic Development District D, State of Louisiana (the “**District**”), in accordance with Section 33:9038.32 of the EDD Act; and

**WHEREAS**, this City Council, acting as the governing authority of the District, desires to levy and collect a one percent (1%) sales and use tax upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption and storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and on sales of services in the District for a period commencing on January 1, 2021 and ending on

April 1, 2036, all in the manner and subject to the provisions and terms of those portions of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, applicable to sales and use taxes levied by the District (the “*District Tax*”) for the purposes of funding construction of, acquisition of, and upgrades to capital improvement and economic development projects within the District’s boundaries and any and all authorized purposes under the applicable provisions of the EDD Act, all in accordance with Section 33:9038.39 of the EDD Act;

**WHEREAS**, the Natchitoches Parish Registrar of Voters has certified that no qualified electors reside within the boundaries of the District and, accordingly and pursuant to Section 33:9038.39 of the EDD Act, no election is required to levy the District Tax;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 33:9038.39 of the EDD Act, this City Council, acting as the governing authority of the District, passed a resolution on March 9, 2020 providing notice of its intention to levy and collect the District Tax and caused publication of such notice of intention to levy the District Tax in the District’s official journal, *The Natchitoches Times*, on March 12, 2020 and March 19, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, this City Council, acting as the governing authority of the District, held a public hearing concerning levying of the District Tax on April 13, 2020, at which no objections were made to the levy of the District Tax; and

**WHEREAS**, it is now the desire of the District to levy the District Tax and to provide for the collection thereof and other matters in connection therewith as hereinafter provided in this Resolution.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by this City Council, acting as the governing authority of the District, that:

**SECTION 1.** There be and there is hereby levied within the geographic boundaries of the District a one percent (1%) sales and use tax upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption and storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and on sales of services in the District for a period commencing on January 1, 2021 and ending on April 1, 2036, all in the manner and subject to the provisions and terms of those portions of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, applicable to sales and use taxes levied by the District for the purposes of funding construction of, acquisition of, and upgrades to capital improvement and economic development projects within the District’s boundaries and any and all authorized purposes under the applicable provisions of Part II, Chapter 27, Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 33:9038.31, *et seq.*).

**SECTION 2.** That the levy of the District Tax described in Section 1 above shall be levied, continued, and enforced according to law and in accordance with this Resolution.

**SECTION 3.** The obligations and rights of taxpayers in connection with the District Tax levied hereby shall be as provided taxpayers by the general provisions of law applicable to sales taxes levied by the District and the City.

**SECTION 4.** If any one or more of the provisions of this Resolution shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this Resolution, but this Resolution 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 Resolution which validates or makes legal any provision of this Resolution which would not otherwise be valid or legal, shall be deemed to apply to this Resolution.

**SECTION 5.** Upon adoption, this Resolution shall be published in full in one (1) issue of *The Natchitoches Times*, the official journal of and a newspaper of general circulation in the District, and shall be recorded in the mortgage records of the Natchitoches Parish Clerk of Court.

**SECTION 6.** The Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and City Clerk are hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to take any and all such action as may be necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this Resolution.

**SECTION 7.** This Resolution shall immediately take effect upon adoption.

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Said Resolution having been read and considered by a quorum of the City Council, on motion to adopt by Mr. Mims, seconded by Mr. Batiste, a record vote was taken and the following result was had:

**YEAS: Batiste, Nielsen, Mims, Harrington, Morrow**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSTAIN: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**WHEREUPON**, the presiding officer declared the above Resolution duly adopted in full on this, the 13th day of April, 2020

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Lee Posey, Mayor

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Don Mims, Jr., *Mayor Pro Tempore*

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Stacy McQueary, City Clerk

**STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**PARISH OF NATCHITOCHE**

I, **STACY MCQUEARY**, certify that I am the duly qualified and acting City Clerk of the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of Natchitoches Economic Development District D, State of Louisiana (the “*District*”).

I further certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution of the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the District, adopted on April 13, 2020, entitled:

**A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF A ONE PERCENT (1%) SALES AND USE TAX UPON THE SALE AT RETAIL, THE USE, THE LEASE OR RENTAL, THE CONSUMPTION AND STORAGE FOR USE OR CONSUMPTION, OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY AND ON SALES OF SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT FOR A PERIOD COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2021 AND ENDING ON APRIL 1, 2036 WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF NATCHITOCHE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT D, STATE OF LOUISIANA IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND AS AUTHORIZED BY PART II, CHAPTER 27 OF TITLE 33 OF THE LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTES OF 1950, AS AMENDED, AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.**

**IN FAITH WHEREOF**, witness my official signature and the impress of the official seal of said City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, on this, the 13th day of April, 2020.

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Stacy McQueary, City Clerk

(Seal)

Mayor Posey stated this is a part of the Hobby Lobby project and thankful at this point it is still moving forward. Nationwide Hobby Lobby has shut a lot of their stores down, but they have a couple of projects in this region they want to continue. Their theory is, by the time the project is complete and up and running, this pandemic will be behind us. Mayor Posey stated he has received comment from someone that feels this is taxation without representation, but the City of Natchitoches has done everything to see this project fits within the legal means to make it happen. If this TIF was not put in place, the project wouldn't happen. This project will bring in over 30 new jobs to our community and a good tax base.

Councilman Harrington stated he has heard the same thing, that this is taxation without representation and that people are thinking this a 1% property tax and not just a 1% tax on goods.

Mayor Posey stated he wants to make sure the people understand this is a 1% tax on Hobby Lobby goods. This is quite an investment for our community.

**THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs, STATE OF LOUISIANA**

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Harrington and seconded by Mr. Batiste:

**RESOLUTION NO. 016 OF 2020**

**A RESOLUTION FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT A PUBLIC HEARING HAS BEEN HELD AND THAT NO OBJECTIONS WERE MADE TO THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF A ONE PERCENT (1%) SALES AND USE TAX UPON THE SALE AT RETAIL, THE USE, THE LEASE OR RENTAL, THE CONSUMPTION AND STORAGE FOR USE OR CONSUMPTION, OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY AND ON SALES OF SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT FOR A PERIOD COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2021 AND ENDING ON APRIL 1, 2036 WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF NATCHITOCHEs ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT D, STATE OF LOUISIANA IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND AS AUTHORIZED BY PART II, CHAPTER 27 OF TITLE 33 OF THE LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTES OF 1950, AS AMENDED; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 33:9038.39 of the EDD Act, this City Council, acting as the governing authority of the District, passed a resolution on March 9, 2020 providing notice of its intention to levy and collect the District Tax and caused publication of such notice of intention (the “*Notice of Intention*”) to levy and collect a one percent (1%) sales and use tax upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption and storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and on sales of services in the District for a period commencing on January 1, 2021 and ending on April 1, 2036, all in the manner and subject to the provisions and terms of those portions of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, applicable to sales and use taxes levied by the District (the “*District Tax*”) for the purposes of funding construction of, acquisition of, and upgrades to capital improvement and economic development projects within the District’s boundaries and any and all authorized purposes under the applicable provisions of the EDD Act, all in accordance with Section 33:9038.39 of the EDD Act in the District’s official journal, *The Natchitoches Times*, on March 12, 2020 and March 19, 2020 ; and

**WHEREAS**, said Notice of Intention, as published, included a general description of the District Tax and set forth a place, date and time when a public hearing would be held by the District in open and public session to hear any objections or receive any petitions to the proposed levy and collection of the District Tax; and

**WHEREAS**, at said place and on said date and time a public hearing was duly held and no one presented or had filed any petition or written objections pertaining to the issuance of the proposed levy and collection of the District Tax; and

**WHEREAS**, it is now the desire of the District to authorize such further action as may be required to proceed with the levy and collection of the District Tax.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by this City Council of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of Natchitoches Economic Development District D, State of Louisiana (the “*Governing Authority*”), that:

**SECTION 1.** All of the findings of fact made and set forth in the preamble to this resolution are hereby declared to be true and correct, and it is hereby further found and determined that the

District, acting through this Governing Authority, is hereby authorized to proceed with the levy and collection of the District Tax.

**SECTION 2.** The appropriate officers of the District shall proceed with the preparation of the necessary documents and the taking of the necessary steps to levy and collect the District Tax, all subject to such further approvals of this governing authority as may be appropriate or desirable.

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Said Resolution having been read and considered by a quorum of the City Council, on motion to adopt Mr. Harrington, seconded by Mr. Batiste, a record vote was taken and the following result was had:

**YEAS:**        **Batiste, Nielsen, Mims, Harrington, Morrow**

**NAYS:**        **None**

**ABSTAIN:**   **None**

**ABSENT:**    **None**

**WHEREUPON**, the presiding officer declared the above Resolution duly adopted in full on this, the 13th day of April, 2020

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Lee Posey, Mayor

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Don Mims, Jr., *Mayor Pro Tempore*

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Stacy McQueary, City Clerk

**STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**PARISH OF NATCHITOCHE**

I, **STACY MCQUEARY**, certify that I am the duly qualified and acting City Clerk of the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of Natchitoches Economic Development District D, State of Louisiana (the "*District*").

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**IN FAITH WHEREOF**, witness my official signature and the impress of the official seal of said City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, on this, the 13th day of April, 2020.

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Stacy McQueary, City Clerk

(Seal)

Mayor Posey thanked the Natchitoches Parish Journal for setting up the meeting logistics tonight to stream the meeting online and for Juanice Gray with the Natchitoches Times for listening in. He stated there is a good chance this is how meetings will be conducted until further notice. He thanked Stacy McQueary, City Clerk, for going above and beyond in coordination for tonight's meeting by reaching out to other municipalities to see how they are conducting meetings as well as recognizing IT Director, Steve Stinger, for his assistance in getting everything set up.

The next scheduled City Council meeting will be **Monday, April 27, 2020**.

With no further discussion, Mayor Posey made a motion for adjournment and all were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

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**LEE POSEY, MAYOR**

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**DON MIMS, MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE**