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**COMMERCIAL PERMIT APPLICATION**

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**OFFICE USE ONLY**

Permit No: _____	Date Requested: _____
Parcel #: _____	Council District / At Large: _____
Zoning District: _____	Historic District: Y / N      Design Rev. Corridor: Y / N
Lot, Sq., Subdivision: _____	

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION** (ALL owners must be listed and must sign)

Same as above? (circle one) **YES / NO** If **NO**, do you have a Letter of Authorization or signed Contract? **YES / NO**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTRACTOR INFORMATION**

Business: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ License #: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPERTY INFORMATION**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Subdivision: \_\_\_\_\_ Lot #: \_\_\_\_\_

Parcel # (required): \_\_\_\_\_ Property Size (square feet): \_\_\_\_\_

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**PROJECT DETAILS**

1. Are there any structures currently on the property? (circle) **YES / NO**  
If **YES**, are they to be demolished prior to construction? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Portable line water meter size requested: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Irrigation line water meter size requested: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Project Value: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Gross Square Footage: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONSTRUCTION SITE REQUIREMENTS**

During construction the owner or contractor shall have the following on site:

- 1) A port-o-let for use by workers on the project.
- 2) A dumpster of suitable size to contain trash and waste material from the construction site in order to eliminate jobsite trash and materials from spilling or blowing over into surrounding properties. If the owner or contractor has two or more job sites adjacent to each other, one dumpster and port-o-let may be shared by said jobsites at the discretion of the parish building inspector.
- 3) The contractor or owner may, in lieu of a dumpster, erect a screened-in area or other trash retaining structure on-site so as to contain trash until proper disposal is possible.
- 4) The building permit placard shall be posted and shall remain visible from the roadway.
- 5) The approved set of plans must be on-site during the entirety of the construction project.

**MUNICIPAL ADDRESS**

St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances, Section 36-6. *Uniform Numbering System*

- a.) The residents and commercial establishments must place their municipal numbers as close as possible to the front entrance of their house, apartment, or business.
- b.) The numbers must four inches or larger and a color that is easy to distinguish from the street.
- c.) The placing of numbers on a U.S. mail receptacle located some distance from the house or business will not meet the purpose or intent of these requirements.

*NOTE: St. John the Baptist Parish has not examined nor reviewed the title of any portion of land in this application, or any restrictive covenants or restrictions placed on said property. Any action of the Parish in this matter does not: (1) imply that the applicant's title or ownership is valid, (2) that there are or are not any restrictive covenants or other restrictions on said property, or (3) that any restrictive covenants or restrictions that may be on said property are enforceable or are not enforceable.*

*NOTE: Within sixty (60) days of submission of minimum application requirements, this application will become null and void. By signature of this application, the applicant agrees and understand that all permit fees are non-refundable.*

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**PLEASE DESCRIBE PROJECT IN DETAIL:**

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Value: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Square Footage: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY**

<input type="checkbox"/> Renovation / Re-Roof	<input type="checkbox"/> Electrical	<input type="checkbox"/> Solar Panels
<input type="checkbox"/> Addition	<input type="checkbox"/> Plumbing	<input type="checkbox"/> Generator
<input type="checkbox"/> Accessory	<input type="checkbox"/> Gas	<input type="checkbox"/> Parking Lot
<input type="checkbox"/> Elevation	<input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical	<input type="checkbox"/> Culvert

*Master permit: primary permit fees shall include the fees for sub-permits, provided that all applicable subcontractor qualifjer signatures are on the application and plans include the details of all subcontractor work. Failure to include the required information at the time of application shall require that a separate permit be issued with the appropriate fees being charged to the applicant. Current registration/license, when applicable, is required at the time of submittal.*

PERMIT TYPE	BASE FEE	INSPECTION	TECH FEE	TOTAL
Generator	\$1000	-	\$10	\$1010
Addition	\$0.50 per sq. ft. (\$500 min)	\$50	\$10	TBD
Renovation	\$0.25 per sq. ft. (\$500 min)	\$50	\$10	TBD
Re-Roof	\$500	\$50	\$10	\$560
Solar Panel Installation	\$500	\$50	\$10	\$560
Accessory	\$0.50 per sq. ft. (\$500 min)	\$50	\$10	TBD
Trade	\$125	-	\$10	\$135
Demolition	\$50	\$50	\$10	\$110
Structure Elevation	\$750	\$50	\$10	\$810
Parking Lot	\$100.00 per 500 sq. ft.	\$50	\$10	TBD

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#### **SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS**

- Completed and signed application.
- Recorded copy of Act of Sale, Judgment of Possession, or Deed to the property, and lease (if applicable).
- Land survey.
- Detailed set of complete plans – one hard copy and digital copy, if available. Please contact South Central Planning for any building code review questions at 985-655-1070. Plans must include entire scope of work and detail including utility connections, site plan showing setbacks, landscaping, parking, etc. to verify compliance with Parish regulations.
- Office of State Fire Marshal approval for **life safety only** required. Contact (225) 925-4911 or submit online at [sfm.dps.louisiana.gov](http://sfm.dps.louisiana.gov)
- Signed and completed Wastewater User Application.
- Payment of Fees, payable by credit card, check or money order to: “St. John Parish Council”.

#### **AS NEEDED SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS**

- Letter of No Objection from the Pontchartrain Levee District and/or Lafourche Basin Levee District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (MVNLeveePermits@usace.army.mil), and Office of Coastal Protection and Restoration (CPRA - CPRArequests@la.gov) if work is within 1500’ of the mainline Mississippi River levee, or if otherwise applicable.  
**Levee Districts: West bank – 225-265-7545/East bank – 225-869-9721.**
- Review and approval by the Floodplain Manager ONLY if in an AE or VE flood zone.
- Copy of Contractor’s License.
- Utilities Inspection/Estimation Form (water/sewer taps).
- Health Department approval, if applicable call (985)536-3535.
- DOTD approval, if project is located on a state highway. Please contact (985) 375-0100 to determine applicability and submit plans.

*NOTE: Additional permits and/or approvals may be required, such as sign permit, sewer/water taps, road crossing permit, demolition permit, DEQ permit, etc.*

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### COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION GUIDELINES

SERVICE	AGENCY	PHONE
Temporary Power Pole	South Central	985-655-1070
In-ground plumbing/site de-grassing	South Central	985-655-1070
Foundation (pre-pour)	South Central	985-655-1070
Submit Under Construction Elevation Certificate, signed & stamped by a licensed land surveyor, if in a flood zone	Planning & Zoning	Submit in person, online, or by email
Preliminary Zoning/ <b>1st Inspection</b> : setbacks met, port-o-let on-site, dumpster/trash retention on-site	Planning & Zoning	985-651-5565
<b>ALL ABOVE REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET AND APPROVED BY ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PLANNING &amp; ZONING DEPARTMENT <u>PRIOR</u> TO POURING THE FOUNDATION.</b>		
SERVICE	AGENCY	PHONE
Electrical rough-in	South Central	985-655-1070
Plumbing top out	South Central	985-655-1070
Mechanical rough-in	South Central	985-655-1070
Framing	South Central	985-655-1070
Roof	South Central	985-655-1070
Insulation	South Central	985-655-1070
Final Electrical/Final Gas/Final Plumbing	South Central	985-655-1070
Attic Insulation	South Central	985-655-1070
Final Building (Certificate of Compliance)	South Central	985-655-1070
First sewer inspection: inspection of <b>uncovered</b> lines after connection to the public sewer system	South Central	985-655-1070
Second sewer inspection	South Central	985-655-1070
Finished Construction Elevation Certificate - signed & stamped by a licensed surveyor if in a flood zone	Planning & Zoning	Submit in person, online, or by email
Final Zoning / <b>2nd Inspection</b> : port-o-let removed, debris removed, no damage to street/curb/public area, driveway & sidewalk installed & approved	Planning & Zoning	985-651-5565

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Date \_\_\_\_\_



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### FLOOD ELEVATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I, the undersigned, do hereby acknowledge that I have been advised that the proposed structure is located in a Special Flood Hazard Area, as determined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). I have been advised of the minimum elevation of this/these structure(s) as determined on the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). I further understand that ALL structures MUST be constructed at or above the required base flood elevation. This includes attached and detached structures, air conditioning units, water heaters, washing machines, and dryers.

In order to ensure that all Floodplain Regulations are met I understand that I MUST submit to the Department of Planning & Zoning a Building Under Construction Elevation Certificate (Forms Elevation) **PRIOR** to pouring concrete foundation (slab on grade foundation) or **PRIOR** to vertical construction after placement of piers or columns (elevated pier foundation). FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED INFORMATION WILL RESULT IN A STOP WORK ORDER BEING PLACED AGAINST FURTHER CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY UNTIL REQUIRED INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ZONING AND APPROVED.

I also understand and acknowledge that a Finished Construction Elevation Certificate MUST be submitted to the Department of Planning & Zoning once the construction is complete, all machinery and/or equipment such as furnaces, hot water heaters, heat pumps, air conditioners, elevators and their associated equipment have been installed and the grading around the building is complete. A Certificate of Occupancy will not be issued until ALL required documentation is received and approved by the Department of Planning & Zoning.

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### COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 49:214.21 et seq., the State of Louisiana administers a Coastal Zone Management Program in order to protect, develop, and restore the resources of the state's coastal zone. Because the entirety of St. John the Baptist Parish lies within the state-defined coastal zone, any work that involves the placement of fill/slab, site clearance, dredging, or other related activity must be approved by issuance of or exemption from a Coastal Use Permit. Other activities regulated through a Coastal Use Permit include subdivisions, drainage facilities, and energy infrastructure.

In order to streamline the Coastal Use Permit determination process, applicants may submit a Joint Permit Application to determine if a proposed project requires a Coastal Use Permit or a United States Army Corps of Engineers 404 Permit. If you need any assistance filling out your Joint Permit Application, please contact the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources Office of Coastal Management at 225-342-0884. You can find the Joint Permit Application online at the following websites:

[http://workflow.dnr.state.la.us/sundown/cart\\_prod/pkg\\_dnr\\_wf.initiate](http://workflow.dnr.state.la.us/sundown/cart_prod/pkg_dnr_wf.initiate)

<http://dnr.louisiana.gov>

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I, the undersigned, acknowledge that I have been advised of the State of Louisiana's Coastal Zone Management program and understand that a Coastal Use Permit and/or United States Army Corps of Engineers 404 Permit may be required for work within the state-defined Coastal Zone. Further, I understand and acknowledge that I am solely responsible for fines and penalties if my proposed project is found to be in violation of the State of Louisiana's Coastal Zone Management Program and Section 404 of the Federal Clean Water Act.

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### SEWER INSPECTION PROCESS & SPECIFICATIONS

#### PROCESS

**First Inspection** is required once connected to the public sewer system, but *before* covering the sewer lines. After the sewer line is inspected and backfilled, contact South Central for the Second Inspection.

**Second Inspection** is to verify the installation of the sewer box is level to the ground at final grade over the 4-inch check valve (box optional), 4-inch cleanout (box optional), and 6-inch cleanout (box required). The property must be to final grade when installed.

**PLEASE CALL SOUTH CENTRAL AT 985-655-1070 TO SCHEDULE SEWER INSPECTIONS.**

#### SPECIFICATIONS

The following specifications shall govern the materials and methods to be employed in the installation of residential or commercial sewers and their tie-in to the sewer system.

##### **1. Intent:**

It is the intent of these specifications to insure tight workable sewers that will minimize infiltration and involve a minimum of maintenance on the part of both the property owner and the Utilities Department.

##### **2. Excavations:**

All excavations shall be carried to a depth and grade for bedding the bottom of the pipe barrel on undisturbed soil. If the trench is inadvertently cut too deep or to improper grade at any point the bottom shall be brought to proper grade for bedding the pipe with clam shells or a mixture of equal parts of river sand and clam shells. No excavated material or any material other than specified above shall be placed in the trench below the pipe. The width of the excavation should in no case exceed 18" at an elevation 6" above the top of the pipe.

##### **3. Pipe and fittings:**

Must be in accordance with the Louisiana State Plumbing Code, 2013 edition. No building sewer shall be less than 4 inches in size.

##### **4. Installation of Pipe:**

###### **4.1 Bedding:**

The pipe shall be bedded either on the undisturbed soil of the trench bottom or a bedding composed of river sand or a mixture of equal parts of river sand and clam shells. The trench bottom or bedding shall be relieved in way of each ball or coupling so that all weight is uniformly supported by the full length of the pipe barrel. As the laying of the pipe progresses select material from the excavation shall be worked around the pipe up to the centerline taking care to maintain the pipe alignment and grade.

###### **4.2 Laying and Jointing:**

**4.2-1** All pipe shall be laid true to line and grade in accordance with the La State Plumbing Code, 2013 edition.

**4.2-2** All water shall be excluded from the trench during laying and jointing.

**4.2-3** All changes in direction shall be made with "wye" and bend fittings providing a cleanout at each change of direction.

**4.2-4** The use of cement mortar joints or joints using any rigid material is expressly prohibited. All joints shall be carefully made in strict accordance with the pipe manufacturer's instructions, taking special care to exclude all foreign material from the sealing surfaces and to fully seat each joint. If it is necessary to cut a length of pipe, the cut end shall be joined by a special adapter furnished by the pipe manufacturer for this express purpose. In connecting to pipe or joint of a different manufacturer, the connection shall be made by using an adapter supplied by that pipe manufacturer or as supplied by Fernco Joint Sealer Company or an approved equal and in all cases expressly designed by the manufacturer for the two pipes and joints involved.





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**4.2-5** The actual connection to the sewer will be made through an increaser where required and a 6-inch “wye”. From the outlet of the “wye” a 6-inch cleanout will be extended to within 6” of the ground surface. The cleanout and extension will not be installed until after the line has passed the **FIRST INSPECTION** from South Central.

**4.2-6** A 4 x 4 x 6 check valve must be installed within 3’ from the house.

**4.2-7** A plastic or metal box must be placed over the 6-inch cleanout. The box must be plainly marked “sewer”.

#### **5. Traps and Vents:**

To eliminate a potential hazard, the property owner shall insure and certify as a condition to receiving permission to tie into the sewer that all fixtures and particularly those with concealed piping such as tubs, showers, and washing machines are properly trapped and vented prior to connection to the sewer system.

#### **6. Roof and Area Drains:**

The property owner shall insure and certify as a condition to receiving permission to tie into the sewer system that no roof drains, swimming pools or other non-sanitary features are or will be connected in the sewer system.

#### **7. Septic Tanks:**

To eliminate a potential hazard, the property owner will insure and certify as a condition to receiving permission to connect to the sewer system that all septic tanks within ninety days will be pumped out and filled with river sand.

#### **8. Inspection and Test:**

Prior to backfill, the property owner shall call South Central to schedule the **FIRST INSPECTION**. The inspector shall walk the pipe to ensure that each length is firmly bedded and undisturbed by his weight on any portion of the pipe. The inspector may, admit a 3” diameter wooden ball through the cleanout at the house to check for adequate slope and freedom from obstructions. Evidence of any significant infiltration, failure to freely pass the ball, cracked pipe or fitting, improper bedding, improper joints and/or any deviation from these specifications will be grounds for rejection and refusal of connection to the sewer system until all deficiencies are corrected.

#### **9. Backfill:**

After the FIRST INSPECTION has been approved, the property owner shall backfill with selected material from the excavation and install the boxes at final grade. Once this is complete, the property owner shall call South Central Utilities for the **SECOND INSPECTION**.

#### **PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:**

- Before backfilling, contact South Central to schedule the First Inspection.
- 6-inch clean out—45 degrees. (*must be able to open box and access cleanout*).
- No 90 degree from building connection to check valve—must be two 45 degrees.
- 6-inch clean out—plastic or metal box (box is required).
- 4-inch check valve—plastic or metal box (box is optional).
- Additional 4-inch clean outs—plastic or metal box (box is optional).
- Boxes must be plainly marker “sewer” or nothing marked on it.
- Boxes marked “water” will be rejected.
- Metal ring is required if in the driveway.
- Parish maintains 6-inch cleanout. Customer maintains 4-inch check valve and 4-inch cleanout.