

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH
STATE OF LOUISIANA

ORDINANCE 19 - 43

Mrs. Robottom introduced the following ordinance.

Mr. Madere proposed and Mrs. Remondet seconded the following ordinance.

An ordinance adopting the St. John the Baptist Parish Adaptation Strategy developed by the Louisiana Strategic Adaptations for Future Environments (LA SAFE) Program to help guide resilient development in the face of growth and environmental change for the safety and welfare of St. John Parish residents.

WHEREAS, St. John the Baptist Parish was one of six parishes in South Louisiana to be involved in the LA SAFE community planning process organized by the Louisiana Office of Community Development (OCD) and funded through awards granted by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

WHEREAS, the LA SAFE program is designed to complement the State's structural-focused Coastal Master Plan by providing a holistic approach to flood risk that addresses the social, economic, and environmental impacts associated with flooding that endure for generations; and

WHEREAS, the rate of coastal land loss and erosion outpaces the rate at which the state restores marshes and wetlands which increases the flood risk of inland communities like St. John Parish; and

WHEREAS, the St. John the Baptist Parish Adaptation Strategy combines local knowledge and the best possible data to develop goals and guidelines to protect residents, preserve culture, and foster economic growth in the face of heightened flood risk; and

WHEREAS, the Adaptation Strategy will complement the structural protection projects in St. John Parish by providing Parish-specific guides for developing more resilient and responsible policies for growth; and

WHEREAS, the Adaptation Strategy is a natural continuation of the Parish's 2013 Community Recovery Strategy and seeks to add to that plan while also aligning with State goals and funding prospects; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Office of Community Development has funded the design and construction of a resilience project on Airline Highway and Main St. in LaPlace as an implementation component of the Adaptation Strategy that addresses flood risk, education, transportation, and economic opportunity; and

WHEREAS, by the adoption of this ordinance, the Parish Council is acting in the best interest of the people of St. John the Baptist Parish to protect the health, safety and welfare of the Parish and its current and future citizens. Now therefore;

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION I. That the St. John the Baptist Parish Adaptation Strategy is hereby adopted to serve as the long-term resilience plan and shared vision for the Parish in the face of heightened flood risk; and

SECTION II. That the St. John the Baptist Parish Adaptation Strategy will serve as a framework for policy and project development including water management based on natural systems and the direction of growth to lower-risk areas on high ground that are served by existing Parish infrastructure; and

SECTION III. That the St. John the Baptist Adaptation Strategy will serve as a guide to implementing the "Multiple Lines of Defense" concept embraced by the Louisiana Coastal Master Plan to use both man-made structures, natural resources and responsible policies to protect the Parish against hurricane storm surge and flooding.

Unless specified, this ordinance becomes effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

BE IT ORDAINED, that the St. John the Baptist Parish Council is acting as the governing authority for said Parish.

The foregoing ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Sorapuru, Becnel, Remondet, Madere, Malik, Perrilloux, Snyder, Hotard Gaudet

NAYS: None **ABSENT:** Wright **ABSTAINING:** None

The result of the vote on the ordinance was 8 **YEAS**, 0 **NAYS**, 1 **ABSENT**, 0 **ABSTAINING**, and this ordinance was declared adopted on the 24th day of September, 2019.


COUNCIL CHAIR

9-25-19
Date signed

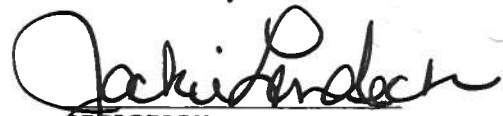

SECRETARY

9/25/19
Date signed


PARISH PRESIDENT

9/26/19
Date signed

CERTIFIED, to be a true and correct copy of an ordinance adopted by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council on the 24th day of Sept, 2019.


SECRETARY