

# Public Notices

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS  
3/2/2016**

City of Vidalia (herein referred to as the "Owner")

Sealed bids marked "Sealed Bid" will be received by the Owner for the construction of the project described as follows:

**CITY OF VIDALIA  
SITWORK IMPROVEMENTS  
PROPOSED TOWN SUITES BY MARRIOTT**

Proposals shall be addressed to the City of Vidalia, and delivered to the City of Vidalia located at 200 Vernon Stevens Blvd., Vidalia, LA 71373, no later than **10:00 a.m. , Local Time, on Tuesday, March 29, 2016**. Proposals shall be designated as "Sealed Bid" City of Vidalia – Sitework Improvements – Proposed Town Suites by Marriott.

All bids must be submitted on the proper form. The contractor must display his contractor's license number prominently on the outside of the envelope. Any bids received after the specified time and date will not be considered. The sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at **10:00 a.m., Local Time, on Tuesday, March 29, 2016**, at the City of Vidalia.

Each bona fide bidder must be registered with the Engineer and obtain Bid Documents from the Engineer in order to submit a bid. The Bidding documents must be obtained from the office of the Engineer located at 6885 Highway 84 West, Ferriday, LA 71334. A deposit of \$ 100.00 for each printed set is required. The deposit, less actual cost of production (\$75.00), will be refunded to each document holder of record who returns a complete set of Bidding Documents in good condition within 10 days after opening of Bids. A fee of \$25.00 for each digital set is required.

In accordance with RS 38:2212(3)(b) plans and specifications shall be available to bidders until twenty-four hours before bid opening date.

The Owner cannot waive any informalities on the bid form. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids in accordance with the Public Bid Law.

Each bidder must deposit with his/her bid, security in the amount, form, and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders. Bid bonds shall be written by a surety or insurance company currently on the U.S. Department of the Treasury Financial Management Service list of approved bonding companies which is published annually in the Federal Register, or by a Louisiana domiciled insurance company with at least an A-rating in the latest printing of the A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide to write individual bonds up to ten percent of policyholders' surplus as shown in the A.M. Best's Key rating Guide or by an insurance company in good standing licensed to write bid bonds which is either domiciled in Louisiana or owned by Louisiana Residents.

For contractor information, this project is classified as building construction.

No bidder may withdraw his/her bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of the opening thereof. The Bid will remain subject to acceptance for forty-five (45) days after the Bid opening, or for such longer period of time that Bidder may agree to in writing upon request of Owner.

Any interpretation of the bid documents shall be in writing addressed

to Bryant Hammett & Associates, L.L.C. at 6885 Hwy. 84 West, Ferriday, LA 71334 or emailed to kcapdepon@bha-engineers.com and to be given consideration must be received at least ten days prior to the date fixed for the opening of bids. No communication after this date.

The Contractor shall begin mobilization and procurement of materials within ten (10) working days of the receipt of the Notice to Proceed.

The successful bidder will be required to execute the Owner's Standard Form of Agreement/Contract for construction together with the Performance and Payment Bonds within ten (10) working days after issuance of the Notice of Award. Sureties used for obtaining bonds must appear as acceptable on the U.S. Department of Treasury Circular 570.

All awarded contractors will be required to attend a monthly meeting, with mandatory attendance from the Project Engineer, Resident Inspector and Contractor, or their authorized representatives, at the beginning of the month to review quantities for pay estimates, process change orders, review work performed during month and to discuss any problems which may have arisen.

Please notify the City of Vidalia at (318) 336-5206 seven (7) days in advance of the scheduled bid opening if special accommodations specified under ADA are required.

The Owner hereby notifies all offerors that in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, that Minority Business Enterprises will be afforded equal opportunity to submit offers in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, national origin or disability in consideration for an award.

City of Vidalia  
Hyrant Copeland, Mayor  
Publication Dates: 3/2/16 3/9/16 3/16/16  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

JOSHI, LLC dba Rhino Mart is applying to the Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control for State of Louisiana for a permit to sell beverages of high and low alcohol content at retail in the Parish of Concordia at the following address:  
1634 Carter St. Vidalia, La. 71373  
JOSHI, LLC  
Member: Jigneshkumar J. Joshi  
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**Town Council Meeting  
Town of Ferriday  
January 12, 2016  
Minutes**

Mayor Gene Allen called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Invocation led by Bishop Justin Conner, Pledge of Allegiance by All in attendance.

Those Present: Alderwoman Gloria Lloyd, Alderwoman Pryor, Alderman Brown, Alderman Banks

Minutes from December 2015 meeting were approved with a motion

from Lloyd and a second from Pryor. Motion carried.

Financial statements from DECEMBER 2015 were approved with a motion by Lloyd and a second by Pryor. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Pryor and second by Lloyd to approve the introduction of the ordinance authorizing the incurring of debt and issuance of general obligation bond. Motion carried.

Several streets were discussed that needed immediate attention for repairs. Mayor Allen asked all board members to present a list of streets for their district that they would like to see repairs made to.

Motion was made by Lloyd and second by Pryor to add the following to the agenda:0..0  
Eric Porter Letter & Qualification  
Alex Promise Heaven Made Products  
Mark Andell

Motion was made to table the government consultant contract for Nnamdi Thompson until it could be reviewed by the attorney. Motion made by Banks and second by Lloyd. Motion carried.

Mayor Allen discussed the contract for William McKeel that was approved in the December council meeting. Mayor Allen advised the council that he did not think that Mr. McKeel's health would not allow him to fulfill the obligations of his contract. He stated that the town needed to look seek a certified operator and do away with the contract written presented by Mr. McKeel.

A motion was made by Lloyd and seconded by Banks to submit a letter to the owners of the building located at 10th and Delaware advising that they had 10 days to complete demolition of the building or the town would demolish and charge owner. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Lloyd and seconded by Pryor to approve the reinstatement of Larry Gordon as Street Supervisor for the Town of Ferriday. Motion carried.

Mrs. Dorothy Oliver of the Concordia Parish Head Start spoke about the potential of moving the head start center into the Ferriday Shopping plaza and would it would mean to the town and the children of this area.  
Motion was made by Banks and seconded by Lloyd to table the letter and qualification documents presented by Eric Porter for the head start project until Attorney Davis was available to review the documentations. Motion carried.

Alex Promise of Heaven Made Products spoke about the lease that was presented for the use of the Kelly Kid's building. After discussing the plans with the board, motion was made to table this matter until Attorney Davis could review and discuss the lease. Motion made by Lloyd and second by Pryor. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Banks and seconded by Pryor to add Justin Connor to the agenda. Motion carried.

Justin Connor addressed the board in reference to his personal water bill and the disconnection of his water services. Mayor Allen stated that Connor should come up during business hours to discuss the bill since no one had access to the billing system at this time. Justin Connor made reference to an agenda item approved during the December meeting in which citizens with past arrangements for water bills would be given until April to bring all past due accounts current. Mayor Allen once again stated that this was not a matter that could be handled at that time.

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Mark Andell of Crescent Chemicals was allowed to speak on the current judgment he had against the town. He stated that he was willing to make a deal with the town in order to get paid for the judgment. Mayor Allen stated that he would get with the town's attorney and the board and see if a settlement could be reached.

Mayor Allen informed the board that the meeting for February would fall on a holiday and needed to be rescheduled since the town hall would be closed. Motion was made by Lloyd and seconded by Pryor to reschedule the Town council meeting to February 16, 2016. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Banks and seconded by Lloyd to approve the following occupational licenses. Motion carried:  
VIP SPORTS BAR  
TAUNTONS, INC

Motion made by Banks and seconded by Lloyd to adjourn meeting at 6:50 p.m. Motion carried.

/s/ Mayor Gene T. Allen  
ATTEST:

/s/ Tamiko T. Hines, Clerk  
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## Town Council Meeting Town of Ferriday February 10, 2016 Minutes

Mayor Gene Allen called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Invocation led by Alderman Brown, Pledge of Allegiance by All in attendance.

Those Present: Alderwoman Gloria Lloyd, Alderwoman Pryor, Alderman Brown, Alderman Banks

Those Absent: Alderwoman Somer Lance

Minutes from January 2016 meeting were approved with a motion from Lloyd and a second from Pryor. Motion carried.

With a motion by Pryor and a second by Banks an ordinance incurring debt and the issuance of obligation bonds was adopted. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Pryor and seconded by Lloyd to approve the government consultant contract for Nnamdi Thompson. Motion carried.

Motion was made Banks and seconded by Lloyd to accept the contract between the Town of Ferriday and Eric Porter. Attorney Davis questioned the extent of the contract and the services provided with the contract. The board agreed to accept the contract contingent upon Attorney Davis' approval. Motion carried.

With a motion from Brown and second from Banks the lease for Heaven Made Products was approved. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Brown and seconded by Banks to advertise hunting lease. Motion carried.

Myles Hopskins of Silas Simmons spoke about the 2014-2015 FYE Audit. Advised the town that several dormant bank accounts should be closed. He also advised the board that several old utility accounts needed to be written-off to avoid carrying incorrect receivable amounts.

Mayor Allen asked for a motion to add the utilities list to the agenda. Motion was made by Pryor and seconded by Lloyd. Motion carried.

Mayor Allen advised the board that each member had been provided a list from JCP showing accounts that have been dormant for years. He stated that the list included accounts of deceased citizens. Mayor Allen stated that the clean-up of these accounts would be done by Jeri Sue Tosspon's office to ensure that accounts would be removed properly. Motion was made by Banks and seconded by Pryor to approve writing off old debt and cleaning up receivables list. Motion carried.

Mayor Allen discussed the road repair list. Motion was made by Brown and seconded by Banks to add all streets within city limits to be considered for repair. Mayor Allen stated that he would allow the town's engineer to access all the streets and make recommendation as to the priority of the streets needing immediate repair. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Lloyd and seconded by Pryor to a trailers of 9th Street to the agenda. Motion carried.

Alderwoman Lloyd discussed the need to have the dilapidated trailers located on 9th street torn down and removed due to them be blighted and abandoned. Mayor Allen stated that several letters had been sent to the owners and each time minimal repairs would be done. Alderwoman Lloyd stated that a final letter should be written advising that property should be renovated or the town would tear down and remove and bill owner. Motion was made by Lloyd and seconded by Banks to send final letter then proceed with demolition if necessary. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Banks and seconded by Pryor to add D's Fashion to the agenda for license approval. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Banks and seconded by Lloyd to approve the following occupational licenses:  
D'S FASHION  
J.E. HICKS DISTRIBUTING COMPANY  
THE HILLARD SNACK SHACK  
Motion carried.

Motion made by Banks and second by Pryor to adjourn meeting at 6:43 p.m. Motion carried.

/s/ Mayor Gene T. Allen  
ATTEST:

/s/ Tamiko T. Hines, Clerk  
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## NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Article IV, Section 21(D)(1) of the Louisiana Constitution, that on September 1, 2015, Entergy Louisiana, LLC ("ELL") and Entergy Gulf States Louisiana, L.L.C. ("EGSL"), public utilities providing retail electric and gas service throughout the State of Louisiana, jointly filed with the Louisiana Public Service Commission ("LPSC") their Formula Rate Plan Rider ("FRP"), Schedule FRP, Evaluation Report and Workpapers for Test Year 2014 on a combined-company basis consistent with the implementation of rates following the closing of the Business Combination transaction that is the subject of LPSC Docket No. U-33244. The FRP Rates set forth in the September 1, 2015 filing were subsequently updated, most recently on March 2, 2016 to reflect ELL's purchase of Union Power Station Power Blocks 3 and 4 and related property from Union Power Partners, L.P in accordance with LPSC Order No. U-33510. The FRP percentages reflected in the March 2, 2016 filing will be implemented on bills rendered to Legacy EGSL customers on and after the first billing cycle of March 2016.

The proposed adjustment in rates will have the following estimated effects on applicable Legacy EGSL customers' typical monthly bills: a typical monthly bill for a Residential customer using 1,000 kWh would increase by approximately \$6.94, from \$86.27 to \$93.21; a typical monthly bill for a Small General Service customer using 5000 kWh would increase by approximately \$44.77, from \$519.16 to \$563.93; a typical monthly bill for a Large General Service customer using 500 kW and 255,500 kWh would increase by approximately \$1,127.89, from \$16,233.31 to \$17,361.20.

For questions and comments regarding ELL's filing, please call the LPSC toll free at (800) 256-2397. Additionally, the filing, including its attachments may be viewed in the Records Division of the LPSC at the following address:

Records Division  
602 N. 5th Street, 12th Floor  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802

Telephone: (225) 342-3157

ENTERGY LOUISIANA, LLC  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE ACREAGE AVAILABLE FOR HAYING

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries will be accepting bids for haying on Dewey W. Wills Wildlife Management Area in LaSalle Parish. Acreage will consist of two units totaling 157 acres along the Catahoula Lake Diversion Canal Levee. Awarded contract will be for a period of 2 years. Bids will be accepted until March 24, 2016 at 4:00 pm. To request a bid packet or additional information, contact Cliff Dailey at (318) 487-5885. 3/16

## CONCORDIA PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #2 REGULAR MEETING February 9, 2016 5:00 P.M.

The Concordia Parish Fire Protection District #2 Board met this day in regular session convened. There were present the following officers and members to wit:

Chairperson:	Judy Pugh
Vice-Chairman:	Harvey Cowan
Members:	Dorothy Dew, Virgil Barnes
Fire Chief:	Nolen Cothren
Secretary/Treasurer	Jan Smith
Absent:	Dempsey Hillen

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Judy Pugh following the roll call.

Motion was made by Mr. Harvey Cowan and duly seconded by Mrs. Dorothy Dew to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held January 12, 2016. Motion unanimously passed.

Motion was made by Mr. Harvey Cowan and duly seconded by Mrs. Dorothy Dew to pay the bills as per list presented. Motion unanimously passed.

Motion was made by Mr. Harvey Cowan and duly seconded by Mrs. Dorothy Dew to approve the payment of yearly firefighter association membership dues. Motion unanimously passed.

The fire chief gave his report at this time in which he stated the department had:  
Responded to three structure fires, 6 wrecks with 2 extrications and washed off Hwy 84 where cement was dumped.  
Four employees getting ready to take Haz Mat Awareness, one taking Firefighter I, and one taking Firefighter II.  
Received and was working on completing the paperwork for grading Clayton in order to get the insurance grading.  
Thirty personnel on the roster now who were active.

There was no volunteer report.

There was no correspondence.

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Harvey Cowan and duly seconded by Mr. Virgil Barnes to adjourn. Motion unanimously passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Jan Smith  
Secretary/Treasurer  
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## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF VIDALIA, LOUISIANA, HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016, AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, met, in regular session, in the Town Hall Meeting Room in Vidalia, Louisiana, on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.

There were present: Mayor Hyram Copeland, Aldermen Jon Betts, Ricky Knapp,, Maureen Saunders, and Vernon Stevens, Jr. There was absent: Alderman "Tron" McCoy.

There were also present: Vicki Byrnes, Town Clerk; Scott B. McLemore, Town Attorney; Fire Chief Johnny Evans; and representatives of the press.

The meeting was opened by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance, and an invocation was given by Alderman Ricky Knapp.

A quorum being present, the Mayor declared the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, to be duly convened in regular session, as the governing authority of said municipality and opened the meeting for the conduct of business.

After being reviewed, the typed minutes from the previous meeting were unanimously approved, on motion made by Alderman Saunders, and seconded by Alderman Knapp.

As the first item of business, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen awarded the bid to Scott Truck and Tractor for the lease of a garbage truck in the amount of \$171,900.00, on motion made by Alderman Stevens, seconded by Alderman Betts, and unanimously carried.

As the next item of business, a motion was made by Alderman Knapp, seconded by Alderman Saunders, and unanimously carried, to open a public hearing for the purpose of discussing, answering questions and hearing any objections relative to the pre-filed Ordinance concerning blighted properties. Since there was no one present who offered any objections to the Ordinance, and the Clerk reported that there were no objections filed with her, the public hearing was closed on motion made by Alderman Knapp, seconded by Alderman Saunders, and unanimously carried. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the following Ordinance, which was offered by Alderman Saunders, and seconded by Alderman Knapp, was unanimously adopted:

**AN ORDINANCE RESPECTING ENFORCEMENT of HEALTH, SAFETY, and WELFARE OF THE TOWN OF VIDALIA, LOUISIANA and for ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, HOUSING, FIRE CODE, and ENVIRONMENTAL VIOLATIONS OF THE TOWN OF VIDALIA, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF VIDALIA, LOUISIANA.**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, in regular session, duly convened as the governing authority of said municipality that:

(1) The proposed Ordinance was previously introduced at the meeting of November 10, 2015; and  
(2) After due notice of advertising of this proposed Ordinance in the Official Journal of this Board on the 2nd day of December, 2015, and public hearing held by the Board on the 8th day of March, 2016, it is hereby ordained and adopted as Ordinance of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, that:

The Vidalia Code of Ordinances, are hereby Supplemented and Enacted to read as follows:

## SECTION 1: CODE ENFORCEMENT OF HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF VIDALIA

A. In addition to the authority for criminal prosecutions provided in R.S. 14:107.3 and other authority provided by law or home rule charter for civil enforcement of health, safety, and welfare ordinances, including but not limited to the authority provided in R.S. 13:2575, for administrative adjudication for violations of public health, housing, fire code, environmental, building code, zoning, permitting, vegetation, and nuisance ordinances, the Town of Vidalia may enforce health, safety, and welfare statutes or ordinances or otherwise seek to eliminate blighted property, unsafe structures and equipment, unlawful structures and structures unfit for human occupancy, housing violations, or public nuisances in any court of competent jurisdiction in accordance with this Section.  
B. The following terms, whenever used or referred to in any proceedings pursuant to this Ordinance shall have the following respective meanings, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context:

(1) "Code violation" means a violation of any provision of the Ordinances of the Town of Vidalia related to public health, housing, environmental, nuisance or vegetation/grass cutting Ordinances, the Town of Vidalia Zoning Ordinances, as amended, the Building Code Ordinances of the Town of Vidalia, as amended, or the Fire Code Ordinances of the Town of Vidalia or the State of Louisiana, as amended, respectively.  
(2) "Order, Judgment or Notice of Judgment" means an Administrative Act of the Hearing Officer.  
(3) "Unoccupied" means having no legal occupant(s), vacant.  
(4) "Violator" means person(s), natural or juridical, who has been found liable and/or guilty of a Code violation and/or ordered to abate or correct a violation in an order issued under this article.  
(5) "Blighted property" means commercial or residential premises, including lots, which are vacant, uninhabitable, and hazardous and be-

cause of their physical condition, are considered hazardous to persons or property, or have been declared or certified blighted, and have been declared to be a public nuisance by a court of competent jurisdiction or by an administrative hearing officer acting pursuant to competent jurisdiction or by an administrative hearing officer acting pursuant to R.S. 13:2575 et seq., or any other applicable law.  
(6) "Deleterious premises" means any property, including any yard, garden, outhouses, accessory structures, and appurtenances belonging thereto, upon which is located any structure which is deemed an "unsafe structure", an "unlawful structure", a "structure unfit for human occupancy", or a structure that contains "unsafe equipment" or "housing violations", or is otherwise defined as "blighted property", or a "public nuisance".

(7) "Housing violations" means those conditions in privately owned structures which contravene the provisions of state statute or local ordinances and are determined to constitute a threat or danger to the public health, safety, and welfare or to the environment by a court of competent jurisdiction or by an administrative hearing officer acting pursuant to this Ordinance, R.S. 13:2575 et seq., or any other applicable law.  
(8) "Owner" means the holder of the title or a mortgagee of premises, whose interest is shown on the public record, or any person who is in possession of premises, or in control of the premises, including a tenant or the agent of any such person.  
(9) "Parties in interest" means a person(s) who has an interest in premises as shown on the public record or who is in possession of premises or in control of the premises, including a tenant or the agent of any such person.  
(10) "Public authority" means state or the Town of Vidalia municipality or any department, agency, or branch thereof charged with the enforcement of health, fire, permitting, or building regulations, or otherwise charged with the regulation of activities concerning property maintenance.  
(11) "Public nuisance" means any garage, shed, barn, house, building, or structure, that by reason of the condition in which it is permitted to remain, may endanger the health, life, limb, or property of any person, or cause any hurt, harm, damages, injury or loss to any person in any one or more of the following conditions:

(a) The property is dilapidated, decayed, unsafe, or unsanitary, is detrimental to health, morals, safety, public welfare and the well-being of the community, endangers life or property, or is conducive to ill health, delinquency, and crime.  
(b) The property is a fire hazard.  
(c) The conditions present on the property and its surrounding grounds are not reasonably or adequately maintained, thereby causing deterioration and creating a blighting influence or condition on nearby properties and thereby depreciating the value, use, and enjoyment to such an extent that it is harmful to the public health, welfare, morals, safety, and the economic stability of the area, community, or neighborhood in which such public nuisance is located.  
(12) "Public officer" means any officer, public officer, public employee, or agent authorized by the state or the Town of Vidalia to exercise the powers prescribed in the laws and ordinances governed by the provisions of this Section.  
(13) "Unfit for human occupancy structure" means any structure which is an unsafe structure, an unlawful structure, or otherwise is in such a degree of disrepair, lack of maintenance, is unsanitary, vermin or rat infested, contains filth and contamination, or lacks ventilation, illumination, sanitary or heating facilities, or other essential equipment required by state statute or Town of Vidalia ordinances, or because of the location of the structure constitutes a hazard to the occupants of the structure or to the public.  
(14) "Unlawful structure" means any structure, in whole or in part, that is occupied by more persons than permitted under state statute or local ordinances or was erected, altered or occupied contrary to state statute or Town of Vidalia ordinances.  
(15) "Unsafe equipment" means any unsafe equipment, including but not limited to any boiler, heating equipment, elevator, moving stairway, electrical wiring or device, flammable liquid containers, or other equipment on the premises or within a structure which is in such disrepair or condition that such equipment is a hazard to life, health, property, or safety of the public or occupants of the premises or structure.

(16) "Unsafe structure" means a structure that is found to be dangerous to the life, health, property, or safety of the public or the occupants of the structure by not providing the minimum safeguards to protect or warn occupants in the event of fire, or because such structure contains unsafe equipment, or because such structure is so damaged, decayed, dilapidated, structurally unsafe, or of such faulty construction or unstable foundation, that a partial or complete collapse is possible.

C. Authorization. Any agency of the Town of Vidalia having a responsibility for the enforcement of Code violation(s) may enforce violations of such Ordinances by the owners of immovable property or their agents, tenants, or representatives, pursuant to the procedures for Administrative Adjudication established in this article.  
The Town of Vidalia through the Mayor's Office may authorize public officers and/or agents, and/or Independent Contractors to exercise any powers necessary or convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of this Ordinance. Additionally, public officers and/or agents, and/or Independent Contractors shall have the authority pursuant to this Section to:  
(1) Investigate the conditions of premises to determine whether said premises are unfit for human habitation and to request and obtain search warrants for entry if necessary.  
(2) Obtain and receive evidence.  
(3) Enter upon any premises for the purpose of making examinations provided the entries are made in such manner as to cause the least possible inconvenience to the persons in possession.  
**SECTION 2:  
ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, HOUSING, FIRE CODE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL VIOLATIONS OF THE TOWN OF VIDALIA**

A. CIVIL FINES  
(1) The Town of Vidalia, a municipality, pursuant to this Ordinance and Louisiana statutes may prescribe civil fines for blighted property, abandoned property, or violation of public health, housing, fire code, and environmental ordinances in the Town of Vidalia by owners of immovable property, their agents, tenants, or representatives pursuant to the procedures for administrative adjudication provided in this Ordinance. For the purposes of this Ordinance, "housing violations" shall encompass only those conditions in privately owned structures which are determined to constitute a threat or danger to the public health, safety or welfare, or to the environment. In municipalities with a population of seventy thousand or more according to the latest federal decennial census, the term "housing violation" as used in this Ordinance shall also encompass building codes, zoning, vegetation, and nuisance ordinances. However, nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to affect activities which occur on the premises of manufacturing facilities and which are regulated by Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.  
(2) For purposes of this Ordinance, "blighted property" shall have the same meaning as provided in R.S. 33:1374(B)(1), and "abandoned property" shall have the same meaning as provided in R.S. 33:4720.59(D)(2).

## B. HEARING OFFICERS AND HEARINGS

(1) Appointment of Hearing Officer.  
(a) Administrative adjudication proceedings under this article shall be conducted before hearing officers who have been licensed to practice law in Louisiana for at least two years.  
(b) Hearing officers shall be appointed by the mayor, and shall serve at the pleasure of the mayor.  
(c) Hearing officers shall be sworn before the town attorney to uphold the Constitution, the laws and constitution of the State of Louisiana, and the ordinances of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana.  
(2) Authority of Hearing Officer. Hearing Officers who have been appointed and sworn in accordance with this Ordinance have the authority to hear and decide any and all Code violations.  
(3) Powers of a Hearing Officer.  
The Hearing Officer shall have the power to:  
(a) Administer oaths and affirmations.  
(b) Issue orders compelling the attendance of witnesses, respondents, alleged violators, and violators and the production of documents.  
(c) Determine whether or not an alleged violator is liable or guilty of code violations.  
(d) Levy fees, costs, and penalties.  
(e) Order violators to correct violations within a stipulated time.  
(f) Take any and/or all necessary and lawful measures to effect corrections of the violation if the violator fails to do so within the time allocated by the hearing officer.  
(g) Record orders, judgments, notices of judgments, or liens in the mortgage office.  
(4) Procedure for Hearing.  
(a) Whenever the town agency having enforcement responsibility determines that a Code violation exists, a notice of violation(s) shall be provided to the owner(s).  
(b) A notice of violation(s) shall:  
(1) Be in writing;  
(2) Provide the municipal address of the cited property;  
(3) Provide the date of the inspection;  
(4) Provide notice of alleged Code violation(s) at the cited property;  
(5) Provide the mailing address and telephone number of the enforcement agency;



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(6) Provide the time, date and location of the administrative hearing whereby the alleged Code violation shall be adjudicated;

(7) Provide notice that the failure to appear at the hearing shall be considered an admission of liability for the charged violation(s);

(8) Provide the risk of fees, penalties, costs, and liens that may be imposed for continued violation(s); and

(9) Provide the risk of remedial measures that may be ordered by a hearing officer to correct or abate Code violation(s).

(c) Prior to holding an administrative hearing pursuant to this Ordinance, the alleged violator shall be notified at least 15 days in advance of the date that such a hearing is scheduled. Notice shall be personally served or sent to the alleged violator by regular and certified or registered U.S. Mail at the address listed in the assessor's office of the parish. The date of the postmark shall be deemed to be the date of delivery. Any notification so sent and returned by the U.S. Post Office shall be considered as having fulfilled the notification requirement. Proof of notification and attempts at service shall be entered in the record for each case prior to the hearing.

(d) In addition to the service provided in subsection (c), a copy of the notice of violation(s) shall be affixed in a prominent location on the property upon which violation(s) are alleged or, if safe access to the property is not reasonably practicable, on some prominent fixture on the adjacent public right-of-way as near as possible to the property at least five days in advance of the date of the hearing. It shall be unlawful for any person other than an agent of the town to remove a notice posted on the public right-of-way prior to the commencement of the hearing.

(e) Any person charged with Code violation(s) may present any relevant evidence and testimony at such hearing and may be represented. An alleged violator's physical presence shall not be required at the hearing if documentary evidence, duly verified by such person, is submitted to the hearing officer via the agency of the town having a responsibility for the enforcement the code violation(s), prior to the date of the hearing. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to limit the authority or the ability of a hearing officer to determine an alleged violator's liability or guilt based solely upon submitted documentary evidence.

(f) Any order compelling the attendance of witnesses or the production of documents may be enforced by the municipal court or by any other court of competent jurisdiction.

(g) Any administrative adjudication hearing held under the provisions of this Ordinance shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of evidence of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq. Testimony of any person shall be taken under oath and shall be recorded.

(h) The Hearing Officer shall issue a final order, judgment, or notice of judgment within 30 days of the hearing, excluding legal holidays. A copy of the final order, judgment, or notice of judgment may be personally served and shall be sent to the violator by regular and certified or registered U.S. Mail within 14 days of issuance. The order, judgment, or notice of judgment shall:

(1) Be signed by the hearing officer;

(2) State whether or not the alleged violator is liable or guilty of each violation and any specific determinations thereto;

(3) Provide the amount of fees, costs, and penalties assessed for each violation;

(4) Provide the defects to be corrected and the extent by which each violation shall be corrected, repaired, and/or abated;

(5) Provide the reasonable period of time by which each violation shall be corrected, repaired and/or abated;

(6) Notify the violator(s)' of their right to appeal; and

(7) Notify the violator that the town may act to abate violation(s) if the violator fails to act in accordance with the order, judgment, or notice of judgment, where applicable.

(I) The Town may enforce any order assessing fees, costs, and penalties, and/or stipulating a required correction, repair, or abatement measure.

(5) Penalties.

(a) The penalty for each violation shall not exceed the maximum that may be imposed by municipal court as provided in R.S. 13:2500.

(b) Each day that violation(s) continue after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense.

(c) A schedule of penalties may be established by ordinance providing penalty amounts, consistent with subpart (a), for specific Code violation(s).

(6) Costs.

(a) Costs and expenses that may be recovered and enforced against a violator under this article include, but are not limited to:

(1) The Town's direct cost for abatement;

(2) Costs of salary and all applicable overhead of Town staff and contract personnel involved in the investigation, enforcement, and/or remediation or abatement of a violation;

(3) Town costs for equipment use or rental;

(4) Attorney's fees if and when applicable;

(5) Hearing and/or court costs including but not limited to Hearing Officer and witness fees;

(6) Costs of engineering and other technical services and studies as may be required;

(7) Costs of monitoring programs necessary for correcting, monitoring, abating or mitigating violations;

(8) Any other fee, cost, or expense reasonably and rationally related to the town's enforcement action(s) to bring violation(s) into compliance or to abate and/or correct a violation of local, state or federal law.

(b) At any point in the enforcement process after the time for voluntary compliance has expired, or following the conclusion of the Town's enforcement/abatement action(s), the Town agency having enforcement responsibility may notify the violator of the proposed full cost recovery against the real property that was the subject of enforcement/abatement action. The notice may be issued as a statement of costs, which shall provide a cost schedule and contain a provision for appealing to an administrative hearing officer the accuracy and reasonableness of the costs, within 30 days from the date of mailing. After compliance has been obtained and prior to the closure of the case, a final statement of costs may be calculated and sent to the violator.

(c) If payment is not received within 30 days of the mailing of the notice or statement of costs, or following any appeal hearing upholding all or part of the costs, the Town may issue a demand of payment. A demand of payment shall be mailed to a violator and provide notice that, if payment is not received by the date indicated in the demand, the Town may lien the property that was subject to the enforcement/abatement action for all applicable costs.

(7) Liens.

(a) The Town shall have a lien and privilege against the immovable property in, on, or upon which violation(s) occurred. The lien and privilege shall secure all fines, fees, costs, and penalties that are assessed by the town and described in the order, judgment, or notice of judgment and the notice or statement of costs. The recordation of the order, judgment, or notice of judgment and the notice or statement of costs in the mortgage office of the parish shall constitute a lien and privilege against the land upon which violation(s) exists. Any lien and privilege recorded against an immoveable property under this Ordinance shall be included in the next annual ad valorem tax bill.

(b) The Town, upon recordation of the order, judgment, notice of judgment, or lien, may:

(1) Apply to the clerk of district court for issuance of a writ in accordance with Code of Civil Procedure Article 2253, under the authority of R.S. 13:2575 and 13:2576, upon describing with particularity the immovable property and the manner in which the writ is to be enforced; or

(2) Institute a suit against the owner of record in any court of competent jurisdiction to enforce the order, judgment, notice of judgment, or lien.

(c) In order for the lien and privilege to arise, the order, judgment, notice of judgment or lien shall be final and not subject to appeal when recorded in the mortgage office.

(d) Any monies collected pursuant to this chapter shall first satisfy all outstanding municipal liens recorded against an immovable property and only when all outstanding municipal liens are satisfied in full shall monies be applied towards an immovable property's ad valorem taxes.

(8) Enforcement of liens—Additional requirements.

(a) Upon the Town instituting legal proceedings to obtain a writ to cause the seizure and sale of a property with outstanding liens, pursuant to this Ordinance, the property shall also be unoccupied.

(b) Unoccupied properties that maintain a valid homestead per article VII, sections 18(G)(5) and 20(A)(10) of the Constitution of Louisiana, shall be exempt from this section upon presentation of a signed affidavit from the assessor or his designee, attesting that the owner is approved for an extension of the special assessment level. This affidavit shall be renewed annually. The owner shall also submit, along with the aforementioned affidavit, a copy of

their annual affidavit of intent to return and reoccupy the homestead that is filed with the assessor as required by article VII, section 20(A)(10) of the Louisiana Constitution. This provision shall expire on December 31, 2015.

(c) Any person with a legally protected interest in a property must be provided notice that is reasonably calculated to apprise them of the seizure and upcoming sale of the property.

(9) Appeal.

Any person determined by the Hearing Officer to be guilty of a Code violation may appeal the determination to the civil district court for the Parish of East Baton Rouge, 19 Judicial District Court. Such appeal shall be instituted by filing, within 30 calendar days of the mailing of the Hearing Officer's Order, a petition with the clerk of the civil district court along with payment of such costs as may be required by the clerk of court. After filing a petition for appeal, the clerk of court shall schedule a Hearing and notify all parties of the date, time, and place of such hearing. Service of notice of appeal under this subsection shall not stay the enforcement and collection of the judgment unless the person who files the appeal furnishes security prior to filing notice of appeal with the department of finance in the amount fixed by the Hearing Officer sufficient to assure satisfaction of the finding of the Hearing Officer relative to the fine(s), fee(s), penalty/penalties, cost(s) of the hearing, and cost(s), if any, of correcting the violation(s).

(10) Remedies not exclusive.

The regulations, procedures, and remedies established by this Section of the Ordinance are nonexclusive and may be pursued independently of each other and in addition to other remedies provided by law.

(11) Record keeping.

(a) At its commencement by notice of violation, every adjudication proceeding shall be assigned a docket number and a style in the form of "Town of Vidalia versus" followed by the name of the alleged violator. The records pertaining to each proceeding shall be maintained as a separate file in a manner similar to the fashion in which the clerks of court maintain the records of civil cases.

(b) Each agency charged with the enforcement of an Ordinance within the scope of this article shall, with the advice of the Town of Vidalia Legal Department, maintain a log or index of all adjudication proceedings which shall set forth information, including but not limited to the following:

(1) The style and docket number of the case and the date it was commenced;

(2) Alleged Code violation(s);

(3) Date of the alleged violation(s);

(4) Address or other description of the property upon which the alleged violation(s) exist or have occurred;

(5) Date(s) of any hearings, trials or continuances and the dates of their commencement and/or termination and, if the case is terminated, of its final disposition;

(6) Statement(s) as to the dates of any hearing and of any final order in the case and as to whether and when any lien was filed;

(7) Statement(s) as to the date of filing and disposition of any appeal.

(12) Transfer of ownership.

It is a violation for any property owner(s) to transfer a property that receives a notice of violation without notifying the enforcement agency of the town that sent said notice of violation. Anyone found in violation of this section shall be fined \$500.00.

## SECTION 3:

### ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION OF BLIGHTED OR ABANDONED PROPERTY, PUBLIC HEALTH, HOUSING & FIRE CODE AND ENVIRONMENTAL VIOLATIONS OF THE TOWN OF VIDALIA

A. In the Town of Vidalia, the failure to pay the liens, privileges, judicial mortgages, and any fines, fees, penalties, or hearing costs imposed pursuant to R.S. 13:2575 shall cause the liens, privileges, judicial mortgages, and any fines, fees, penalties, or hearing costs to be enforceable pursuant to the following provisions, in addition to those provided for in R.S. 13:2575:

(1) (a) Therefore, the Town of Vidalia may, immediately after the recordation of the order, judgment, notice of judgment, or lien in the mortgage office of Concordia Parish:

(I) Apply to the clerk of the district court for issuance of a writ in accordance with Code of Civil Procedure Article 2253, upon describing with particularity the immovable property and the manner in which the writ is to be enforced, or

(ii) Institute a suit by ordinary proceeding against the owner of record in any court of competent jurisdiction to enforce the order, judgment, notice of judgment, or lien.

(b) All money judgments rendered in favor of the municipality shall recognize the order, judgment, notice of judgment, or lien, which shall have the effect of establishing the ranking in accordance with R.S. 13:2575, and shall be enforced in accordance with all laws relative to the enforcement of such judgments.

(2) The suit shall be tried by preference over all other civil suits both in the lower and appellate courts and shall be prosecuted without costs of court to the municipality. However, the municipality shall, whenever revenue is received from property as provided in this Ordinance, pay the court costs out of the first revenue received.

(3) All actions to annul or invalidate sales made hereunder, for any cause whatsoever, and all actions to subject the property to any mortgage which existed before the sale to the purchaser shall be prescribed by the lapse of one year from the date of registry in the conveyance office of the deed to the purchaser.

(4) The Town of Vidalia may pay out of the proceeds of the sale all costs incurred in enforcement of this Ordinance, including the cost and expense of executing and recording the lien, except for deeds and copies of same, which shall be paid for by the purchaser in addition to the price bid for the property.

(5) After payment of costs incurred in the enforcement of this Ordinance, the remaining proceeds of any judicial sale shall be credited and applied in satisfaction of all outstanding taxes, charges, assessment liens, mortgages, privileges, and other encumbrances secured by the property in the order of their priority as provided by law.

(6) Any past due and unpaid ad valorem taxes remaining after applying the proceeds of the judicial sale as provided by Paragraph (A)(5) of this Section shall become, be, and remain the personal obligation of the tax debtor.

(7) If property for which tax sale title was acquired and held by a political subdivision pursuant to R.S. 47:2196 is sold pursuant to this Ordinance, upon recordation of such sale the property shall no longer be deemed adjudicated property. For purposes of any rights of redemption required pursuant to state law, the redemption period shall be deemed to have commenced on the date of the recordation of the initial adjudication to the political subdivision and not on the date of sale pursuant to this Ordinance.

B. The governing body of the Town of Vidalia may waive the collection or enforcement of any code liens in accordance with procedures established by the municipality in order to serve the public health, safety, and welfare through the financing, reconstruction, or rehabilitation of deteriorated housing.

C. The governing body of the Town of Vidalia may, by Ordinance, establish a dedicated fund into which funds collected in accordance with this Ordinance for the satisfaction of liens shall be deposited and from which such funds may be distributed in accordance with procedures established by the municipality in order to serve the public health, safety, and welfare through the financing, reconstruction, or rehabilitation of deteriorated housing.

## SECTION 4: REPEAL

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

All ordinances not in conflict herewith and not affected by the supplement and/or amendment hereinabove set forth are hereby maintained in full force and effect as if re-enacted herein.

The repeal of an ordinance shall not affect any punishment or penalty incurred before the repeal took effect, or any suit, prosecution or proceedings pending at the time of the repeal, for an offense committed under the ordinance repealed.

## SECTION 5: SEVERABILITY

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Town Council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph

or section of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, or sections of this ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the Town Council without the incorporation in this ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrases, clauses, sentence, paragraph or section. If the provisions of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, fact, situation or circumstance are held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance and the application of such provisions to the other persons, facts, situations or circumstances, shall not be affected thereby.

## SECTION 6: INVALIDATION

If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or applications and, to that end, any and all provisions of this Ordinance and applications thereof are declared to be severable.

The foregoing Ordinance was considered section by section, as a whole, in accordance with law, and the vote on the final passage was taken as follows:

YEAS:	(3)	Aldermen Jon Betts, Tron McCoy, and Vernon Stevens
NAYS:		
ABSTAINED:		
ABSENT: (2)		Aldermen Ricky Knapp and Alderwoman Maureen Saunders

WHEREUPON, THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE WAS DECLARED ADOPTED, THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

/s/ Hyram Copeland  
HYRAM COPELAND, Mayor  
/s/ Vicki Byrnes  
VICKI BYRNES, Clerk

Next, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, on motion made by Alderman Saunders, seconded by Alderman Knapp, and unanimously approved, authorized the advertising for bids for the sale of the following vehicles and equipment by the Utility Department:

1) 1986 GMC 7000 2 ton winch truck  
VIN 1GDG7D1B2GV501787  
with PTO winch  
(Has been sitting up - Should run. \$1,500.00

minimum bid)

2) Dozer trailer - tilt, single axle, dual wheel,  
7'9" wide; 16' long (\$1,000.00 minimum bid)

3) 2002 Ford Taurus - Meter reader car  
VIN 1FAFP53282A197129  
(Won't run - Needs computer. \$300.00 minimum

bid)

4) Forklift  
(As is. Does not run. \$500.00 minimum bid)

As the next item of business, a motion was made by Alderman Knapp, seconded by Alderman Stevens, and unanimously carried, to adopt the following Resolution:

### MUNICIPAL WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION RESOLUTION.

Next, Pastor Troy Thomas appeared before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen concerning the activities of his drug rehab/homeless shelter and requested permission to be allowed to raise funds for the ministry by holding a roadblock. Although a formal vote was not taken, Alderman Stevens voiced his approval for the permission, but Alderman Knapp, Alderman Saunders, and Alderman Betts were against allowing addition roadblocks.

Next, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen received an occupational license request from Joey Ainsworth of MISS LOU LAWN STARS, located at 121 Miranda Street. After a discussion of the matter, a motion was made by Alderman Betts, seconded by Alderman Stevens, and unanimously carried, authorizing the issuance of said license upon payment of the appropriate fee to the Town Clerk.

Next, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen received a sign application from Tien Bui of PERFECT NAILS SALON, located at 609 Carter Street. After a discussion of the matter, a motion was made by Alderman Saunders, seconded by Alderman Betts, and unanimously carried, to approve the sign request.

As the next item of business, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen received an occupational license request from Jigneshkumar Joshi of RHINO MART located at 1634 Carter Street. After a discussion of the matter, a motion was made by Alderman Knapp, seconded by Alderman Betts, and unanimously carried, authorizing the issuance of said license upon payment of the appropriate fee to the Town Clerk.

Next, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen received an application for a liquor and beer permit from Jigneshkumar Joshi of JOSHI, LLC, located at 1634 Carter Street. After a discussion of the matter, a motion to issue the permit was made by Alderman Saunders, seconded by Alderman Stevens, and carried, pending state approval and advertising.

Next, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen received a sign application from HEADRICK OUTDOOR MEDIA, INC., located at 609 Carter Street. After a discussion of the matter, a motion was made by Alderman Saunders, seconded by Alderman Knapp, and carried, to table the sign request pending verification of compliance with the new building codes, with Alderman Betts voting against tabling the motion.

Next, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen received a sign application from David Cooley of RELICS & RESALE, located at 1642 Carter Street. After a discussion of the matter, a motion was made by Alderman Saunders, seconded by Alderman Betts, and unanimously carried, to approve the sign request.

As the next item of business, Vidalia Fire Chief Johnny Evans appeared before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen and explained some changes in the fire truck lease agreement for which a Resolution was adopted in October, 2015. After a discussion of the matter, a motion to accept the changes was made by Alderman Saunders, seconded by Alderman Betts, and unanimously carried.

Next, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen received an occupational license request from Jessica M. Clayton of CORE PHYSICAL THERAPY, LLC for a change of location to 1810 Carter Street. After a discussion of the matter, a motion was made by Alderman Stevens, seconded by Alderman Betts, and unanimously carried, authorizing the issuance of said license upon payment of the appropriate fee to the Town Clerk.

Other matters of discussion included the following:

Alderwoman Saunders expressed congratulations to the winners in the recent elections.

Alderman Knapp had a question concerning a sign at Kaiser's Mobile Mart. The Mayor said that he will call about it.

There being no further business, on motion made by Alderman Stevens, seconded by Alderman Saunders, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Hyram Copeland

MAYOR HYRAM COPELAND  
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