

Cajuns down Wolves

Tony Sterner drilled a 37-yard field goal as time expired Saturday night, lifting the Louisiana Ragin’ Cajuns Football team to a 23-20 victory over Arkansas State in its Sun Belt Conference opener and Homecoming contest at Our Lady of Lourdes Stadium.

Sterner connected on all three field goal attempts, including two in the final six minutes, as the Ragin’ Cajuns improved to 4-1 overall and opened 1-0 in Sun Belt play before 21,211 fans.

Louisiana piled up 251 rushing yards and out-gained the Red Wolves 435-293, finishing with a 26-16 advantage in first downs. The Ragin’ Cajuns scored on all four second-half possessions, controlling the ball for over 21 minutes after halftime to limit ASU to only 92 yards of offense after the break.

After Sterner’s 25-yard field goal tied the game at 20-all with 5:38 remaining, Brent Gor-

don Jr. and Micah Johnson combined to stop Chauncy Cobb for a 2-yard loss on third down, forcing Arkansas State (2-3, 0-1 SBC) to punt.

UL took over at its 7-yard line with 3:54 left and marched 73 yards in 13 plays. Lunch Winfield kept the drive moving with his legs and arm, overcoming a holding penalty with a 15-yard run before finding Kristion Brooks for nine yards and a first down. Two plays later, Sterner then delivered the winning kick.

Winfield completed 18-of-21 passes for 184 yards and added 69 rushing yards and a touch-down.

Caden Jensen paced the group of 10 different Ragin’ Cajuns who caught a pass with four receptions for 30 yards, and KeDarius Wade’s 36-yard catch accounted for the team’s longest gain. Johnson recorded a career-high 10 tackles for the Ragin’ Cajuns.



DONALD FRANKLIN of Vidalia runs to the end zone against D’Arbonne Woods Friday in Vidalia. (Sentinel photo by Herman Ceasor)

Saints lay egg on Monday

The Monday night football celebration decisively disintegrated at the “football” part of the program for the New Orleans Saints.

New Orleans’ 45-24 loss to Atlanta in the Caesars Superdome was the wet-blanket conclusion to what began as a festive, reflective day commemorating the 20-year anniversary of the Superdome re-opening after Hurricane Katrina. The Saints (1-3) produced a season-worst performance in the nationally-televised contest against their NFC South Division rivals, who evened their record at 2-2 with their second

straight win.

After three straight close games, all decided in the fourth quarter or overtime, and Saints gave up a 59-yard touchdown run to Atlanta running back Bijan Robinson on the third play from scrimmage, fell behind 14-0 and never pulled closer than seven points as the Falcons rushed for five touchdowns and 205 yards.

“It’s really upsetting when you think about the talent that we have on the team,” Saints edge rusher Cameron Jordan said. “I hate that we had a slow start and got punched in the mouths early and we were look-

ing to respond. It’s one of those games where we weren’t good enough on offense, defense and special teams.”

“When you have a division rival, it’s damn near worth two games. They had an early score with Bijan and at that point, (had) 60 yards on the ground. We’ve got to be able to figure something out. And you end up letting them – what, 200 yards rushing? That’s on the defensive line. You can’t look anywhere else. When you have a ground game like that, you have to look at your defensive line and say, hey, we’ve got to tighten up.

Public Notices

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF CONCORDIA
AMENDED NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE AND APPRAISAL NOTICE

FRONT STREET HOTEL, LLC
VS
SUIT NUMBER: 56649
JACKSON ENTERPRISES INC. VFJ

WRIT OF: WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE AMENDED

By virtue of above WRIT, as amended, issued from the Honorable 7th Judicial District Court in and for the Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana, in the above-entitled number and cause, and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale the following described property to-wit:

All of the Borrower’s right, title and interest in the leasehold estate created by that certain lease dated 14th day of December, 2001, by and between:

TOWN OF VIDALIA, a Louisiana municipal corporation herein represented by its Mayor, Hyram Copeland, duly authorized by the Mayor and Board of Alderman on, 14th day of December, 2001, and VIDALIA RIVERFRONT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, a special municipal district of the Town of Vidalia, herein represented by RALPH B. SHIELDS, Chairman of its Board of Commissioners, herein referred to jointly as LESSOR;

AND

JACKSON ENTERPRISES, INC., VFJ, Federal Tax ID# 72-1512014, a Louisiana corporation, domiciled at 100 Front Street, Vidalia, Concordia Parish, Louisiana, herein represented by Virgil F. Jackson, Jr. its duly authorized representative, herein referred to as LESSEE;

TRACT 6
1.07 (46609.20 SQ. FT.)
PORTION OF OLD TOWN OF VIDALIA
BETWEEN THE LEVEE AND THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER SITUATED IN THE CITY OF VIDALIA
SECTION 11, T7N-R10E
CONCORDIA PARISH, LOUISIANA
From the most westerly corner of Block 96 of the City of Vidalia, as shown by map recorded in Conveyance Book NN on page 275 of the records of Concordia Parish, Louisiana, go S 70° 58' 17" E for 1855.33 feet to the point of beginning, being the most westerly corner of within described tract. Thence from said point of beginning, go S 37° 57' 21" E for 115.77 feet; thence N 52° 02' 39" E for 321.63 feet; thence N 37° 57' 21" W for 174.06 feet; thence S 41° 46' 18" W for 326.86 feet to the point of beginning. Within described tract contains 1.07 Acres (46609.20 Sq. Ft.), being portion of the Vidalia Riverfront Development, situated in the City of Vidalia, Section 11, T7N-R10E, Concordia Parish, Louisiana.

Together with all the buildings and improvements situated on the above-described immovable property and all appurtenances, rights, ways, privileges, servitudes, prescriptions and advantages thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining, including, but without limitation, all component parts of the above-described or other construction located on the above-described immovable property, now or hereafter a part of or attached to said immovable property or used in connection therewith (said immovable property together with said buildings and improvements and other rights, privileges and interests encumbered or conveyed hereby collectively referred to as the “Premises”).

The Premises has a municipal address of 102 Front Street, Vidalia, Louisiana. Further together the right to receive proceeds attributable to the insurance loss of the Premises, all as provided in Louisiana Revised Statutes 9:5386.

And

All of the Borrower’s right, title and interest in the leasehold estate created by an Assignment of Lease From KMAM, LLC and Lorraine Stalians, that was executed between KMAM, LLC, Lorrain Stalians, Town of Vidalia and Vidalia Riverfront Development District. Said lease was recorded on April 17, 2002, in COB 395, Page 557, Document No. 239245, of the Records of Concordia Parish, Louisiana. Concordia Bank and Trust Company obtained the property by Process

Verbal and Sheriff’s deed under a Writ of Seizure and Sale/Fieri Facias, Concordia Bank and Trust Company vs Lorraine D. Stalians and Fred Stalians, Suit o. 39,656-A, dated May 5, 2005, filed May 6, 2005, in MOB 370, Page 613, Document No. 253123, and COB 412, Page 655, Document No.253123, of the Records of Concordia Parish, Louisiana. Then an Assignment of Lease created by that certain lease dated 23RD day of June, 2009, by and between:

CONCORDIA BANK & TRUST COMPANY, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, which has its principal place of business at Vidalia, Louisiana, and its mailing address as Post Office Box 518, herein appearing by and through Sue Grayson, its duly authorized officer,

AND

JACKSON ENTERPRISES, INC., VFJ Federal Tax ID #72-1512014, a Louisiana corporation, domiciled at 100 Front Street, Vidalia, Concordia Parish, Louisiana, herein represented by Virgil F. Jackson, Jr. its duly authorized representative, herein referred to as LESSEE;

0.381 ACRES(16,587.0 SQ.FT.)
PORTION OF OLD TOWN OF VIDALIA
BETWEEN THE LEVEE AND THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER SITUATED IN THE CITY OF VIDALIA
SECTION 11, T7N-R10E, CONCORDIA PARISH, LOUISIANA

From the most westerly corner of Block 96 of the City of Vidalia, as shown by map recorded in Conveyance Book NN on page 278 of the records of Concordia Parish, Louisiana, go S 75° 32'1° 50" E for 1,775.37 feet to the point of beginning, being the most westerly corner of within described tract.

Thence from said point of beginning go N 41° 48' 18" E for 140.78; thence S 37° 57' 21" E for 132.15 feet; thence S 51° 54' 58" W for 138.51 feet; thence N 37° 57' 13" W for 107.38 feet to the beginning. Within described tract contains 0.381 acres (16,587.10 Sq. Ft.) being a portion of the Vidalia Riverfront Development, situated in the City of Vidalia, Section 11, TN7-R10E, Concordia Parish, Louisiana.

Together with all the buildings and improvements situated on the above-described immovable property and all appurtenances, rights, ways, privileges, servitudes, prescriptions and advantages thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, including, but without limitation, all component parts of the above-described or other construction located on the above-described immovable property, now or hereafter a part of or attached to said immovable property or used in connection therewith (said immovable property together with said buildings and improvements and other rights, privileges and interests encumbered or conveyed hereby collectively referred to as the “Premises”).

The Premises has a municipal address of 102 Front Street, Vidalia, Louisiana. Further together the right to receive proceeds attributable to the insurance loss of the Premises, all as provided in Louisiana Revised Statutes 9:5386.

UCC-1 ORIGINALLY RECORDED 6/21/02 (CONTINUED 6/12/07 & 4/26/12 & 4/11/17) COVERING ALL FURNITURE, FIXTURES. EQUIPMENT AND INVENTORY OWNED BY JACKSON ENTERPRISES, INC VFJ AND LOCATED I N/ AT ITS COMFORT SUITES LOCATION LOCATED AT 100 FRONT STREET, VIDALIA LOUISIANA WHETHER NOW OWNED OR LATER ACQUIRED, TOGETHER WITH ALL OF DEBTOR'S ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLES ARISING OUT OF DEBTOR'S OPERATION OF THE COMFORT SUITES.

CC-I ORIGINALLY RECORDED 6/25/09 (CONTINUED 5/29/14 & 5/1/19 / COVERING ALL FURNITURE, FIXTURES. EQUIPMENT AND INVENTORY OWED BY JACKSON ENTERPRISES, INC VFJ AND LOCATED IN/AT ITS COMFORT SUITES LOCATION LOCATED AT 100 FRONT STREET, VIDALIA LOUISIANA AND ITS RIVER FRONT ROYALE SALON & MED SPA LOCATED AT 102 FRONT ST. VIDALIA LOUISIANA WHETHER NOW OWNED OR LATER ACQUIRED, TOGETHER WITH ALL OF DEBTOR'S ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLES ARISING OUT OF DEBTOR'S OPERATION OF BOTH LOCATIONS.

The Collateral includes any and all of Grantor’s present and future Inventory (including consigned inventory), related equipment, goods, merchandise and other items of personal property, no matter where located, of every type and description, including without limitation any and all of Grantor’s present and future raw materials, components, work-in-process, finished items, packing and shipping materials, containers, items held for sale, items held for lease, items for which Grantor is lessor, goods to be furnished under contract for services, materials used or consumed in Grantor’s business, whether held by Grantor or by others, and all documents of title, warehouse receipts, bills of lading, and other

documents of every type covering all or any part of the foregoing, and any and all additions thereto and substitutions or replacements thereof, and all accessories, attachments, and accessions thereto, whether added now or later, and all products and proceeds derived or to be derived therefrom, including without limitation all insurance proceeds and refunds of insurance premiums, if any, and all sums that may be due from third parties who may cause damage to any of the foregoing, or from any insurer, whether due to judgment, settlement, or other process, and any and all present and future accounts, contract rights, chattel paper, instruments, documents, and notes that may be derived from the sale, lease or other disposition of any of the foregoing, and any rights of Grantor to collect or enforce payment thereof, as well as to enforce any guarantees of the forgoing and security therefor, and all of Grantor’s present and future general intangibles in any way related or pertaining to the ownership, operation, use, or collection of any of the foregoing, including without limitation Grantor’s books, records, files, computer disks and software, and all rights that Grantor may have with regard thereto. Inventory includes inventory temporarily out of Grantor’s possession or custody and all returns on accounts, chattel paper and instruments.

The word “Collateral” also includes any and all present or future parts, accessories, attachments, additions, accessions, substitutions and replacements to and for the collateral. The word “Collateral” further includes any and all of Grantor’s present and future rights to any proceeds derived or to be derived from the sale, lease, damage, destruction, insurance loss, expropriation and other disposition of the collateral, including without limitation, any and all of Grantor’s rights to enforce collection and payment of such proceeds.

Accounts and Other Rights to Payment: all rights to payment, whether or not earned by performance, including but not limited to, payment for property or services sold, leased, rented, licensed, or assigned. This includes any rights and interests (including all liens) which Debtor may have by law or agreement against any account debtor or obligor of Debtor.

Inventory: All inventory held for ultimate sale or lease, or which has been or will be supplied under contracts of service, or which are raw materials, work in process, or materials used or consumed in Debtor’s business.

Equipment: All equipment including, but not limited to, machinery, vehicles, furniture, fixtures, manufacturing equipment, farm machinery and equipment, shop equipment, office and record keeping equipment, parts, and tools. The Property includes any equipment described in a list or schedule Debtor gives to Secured Party, but such a list is not necessary to create a valid security interest in all of Debtor’s equipment.

General Intangibles: All general intangibles including, but not limited to, tax refunds, patents and applications for patents, copyrights, trademarks, trade secrets, goodwill, trade names, customer lists, permits and franchises, payment intangibles, computer programs and all supporting information provided in connection with a transaction relating to computer programs, and the right to use Debtor’s name.

Deposit Accounts: All deposit accounts including, but not limited to, demand, time, savings, passbook, and similar accounts.

Specific Property Description: The Property includes, but not limited by, the following (if required, provide real estate description):

ALL FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT AND INVENTORY OWNED BY JACKSON ENTERPRISES INC VFJ AND LOCATED IN/AT ITS COMFORT SUITES LOCATED AT 100 FRONT STREET, VIDALIA, LOUISIANA, WHETHER NOW OWNED OR LATER ACQUIRED, TOGETHER WITH ALL OF DEBTOR'S ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLES ARISING OUT OF DEBTOR'S OPERATION OF THE COMFORT SUITES.

(i)The Accounts and all purchase orders for goods, services or other property and other documents evidencing obligations for or representing payment for goods sold or leased or services rendered by the Borrower, and all returned, rejected or repossessed goods, the sale or lease of which gave rise to an Account;

(ii)The Inventory;

The Equipment Including, without limitation, the equipment and fixtures described in UCC-1 attached hereto as Exhibit B. All such fixtures will be attached to the immovable property described in Exhibit C attached hereto, and the record owner of such immovable property is TOWN OF VIDALIA, and that record owner’s taxpayer identification number is 72-6001447;

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(iv) The General Intangibles;

(v) The Collateral Account, all cash deposited therein from time to time, and other monies and property of any kind of the Borrower in the possession or under the control of the Lender;

(vi) All books and records (including, without limitation, customer lists, credit files, computer programs, tapes, disks, punch cards, date processing software, transaction files, master files, printouts and other computer materials and records) of the Borrower pertaining to any of the Collateral; and

(vii) All Proceeds and products of all or any of the Collateral described in clauses i through vi hereof.

The term “Collateral” means each and all of the items and property rights described in clauses i-vii above.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS, As collateral security for repayment of this Note and all renewals and extensions, as well as to secure any and all other loans, notes, indebtedness and obligations that Borrower may now and in the future owe to Lender or incur in Lender's favor, whether direct or indirect, absolute or contingent, due or to become due, of any nature and kind whatsoever (with the exception of any indebtedness under a consumer credit card account), and to the extent permitted by law, Borrower is granting Lender a continuing security interest in any and all funds that Borrower may now and in the future have on deposit with Lender or in certificates of deposit or other deposit accounts as to which Borrower is an account holder (with the exception of IRA, pension, and other tax-deferred deposits). Borrower further agrees that, to the extent permitted by law, Lender may at any time apply any funds that Borrower may have on deposit with Lender or in certificates of deposit or other. deposit accounts as to which Borrower is an account holder against the unpaid balance of this Note and any and all other present and future indebtedness and obligations that Borrower may then owe to Lender, in principal, interest, fees, costs, expenses, and reasonable attorneys' fees.

DATE OF SALE: **October 14, 2026**

PLACE OF SALE: Second Floor. Concordia Parish Courthouse
Vidalia, Louisiana

TIME OF SALE: 10:00 AM

TERMS OF SALE: Cash WITH benefit of appraisalment.

DAVID K. HEDRICK, JR. SHERIFF

BY: s/s MICKIE HARVEY
(Deputy Sheriff)

Advertise September 16, 2026
Advertise October 7, 2026

IF APPLICABLE, YOU MAY NAME AN APPRAISER TO VALUE THE PROPERTY IN THE ABOVE CAPTIONED SUIT AND TO NOTIFY THE SHERIFF OF YOUR APPOINTMENT NO LATER THAN TWO DAYS BEFORE THE SALE. SHOULD YOU FAIL TO APPOINT AN APPRAISER FOR YOU.

STATE OF LOUISIANA 7TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

PARISH OF CONCORDIA VIDALIA, LOUISIANA

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE AND APPRAISAL NOTICE

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.

VS SUIT NUMBER: 56720

TED DARNELL MCGRAW

WRIT OF: WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE

By virtue of above WRIT issued from the Honorable 7th Judicial District Court in and for the Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana, in the above-entitled number and cause, and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale the following described property to-wit:

For your reference, the legal description of the property contained in the above reference foreclosure is as follows:

Lot eighteen (18) of the Georgetown Subdivision, Second Development, Town Vidalia, Concordia Parish, as more particularly shown on the map or plat prepared by C.H. Kaiser, Jr., RLS No. 2140, in September 1976, which plat is recorded in plat book C, page 104, as document no. 133222, records of Concordia Parish, Louisiana. Reference plat now in plat cabinet A, sheet 251-A of said records. Together with all buildings and improvements thereon.

DATE OF SALE: **November 4, 2026**

PLACE OF SALE: Second Floor. Concordia Parish Courthouse
Vidalia, Louisiana

TIME OF SALE: 10:00 AM

TERMS OF SALE: Cash WITH benefit of appraisalment.

DAVID K. HEDRICK, JR. SHERIFF

BY: s/s MICKIE HARVEY
(Deputy Sheriff)

Advertise October 7, 2026
Advertise October 28, 2026

IF APPLICABLE, YOU MAY NAME AN APPRAISER TO VALUE THE PROPERTY IN THE ABOVE CAPTIONED SUIT AND TO NOTIFY THE SHERIFF OF YOUR APPOINTMENT NO LATER THAN TWO DAYS BEFORE THE SALE. SHOULD YOU FAIL TO APPOINT AN APPRAISER FOR YOU.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

09/23/26

The Concordia Parish School Board will receive Sealed Bids marked “Bid” for the construction of the project described as follows:

**CONCORDIA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
FERRIDAY HIGH SCHOOL
PARKING LOT AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS**

Notice is hereby given that bids will be received by the Concordia Parish School Board (Owner), at the **Engineer's office located at 6885 Hwy. 84, Ferriday, LA 71334** no later than **10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 22, 2026**, at which time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Any bids submitted **after the above-stated time and date will not be considered.**

All bids must be submitted on the proper form. The contractor must include his contractor's license number on the Bid. Any bids received after the specified time and date will not be considered.

Prospective Bidders must be registered with the Engineer and obtain electronic Bid Documents from the Engineer in order to submit a bid. The Electronic Bidding Documents may be requested via email at bhalic@bha-engineers.com, or by calling (318)757-6576. Contractors are responsible for reproduction/printing of Bidding Documents. No printed sets of Bidding Documents are available. Contractors desiring to bid shall provide evidence that they hold a State License of proper classification and in full force and effect. For contractor information, this project is classified as municipal and public works and/or heavy construction.

In accordance with RS 38:2212 G(2) plans and specifications shall be available to bidders until twenty-four hours before bid opening date.

The Corporate Resolution must be signed and sealed. The Owner cannot waive any informalities on the bid form. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause; such actions will be in accordance with title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes.

Each bidder must deposit with his/her bid, security in the amount, form, and subject to the conditions provided in the Instructions to 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.

The contractor may withdraw a bid by affidavit within 48 hours of the bid open-

ing in accordance with LA R.S. 38§2214.C; for patently obvious, unintentional and substantial mechanical, clerical or mathematical errors. The Bids 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 medwards@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.

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.

Toyua Bachus, Superintendent
Concordia Parish School Board
4358 Hwy. 84
Vidalia, LA 71373

Concordia Sentinel Publication Dates:
September 23, 2026
September 30, 2026
October 7, 2026 \$67.50

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Consolidated Recreation District No. 2 of the Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana (the “Governing Authority”), acting as the governing authority of Consolidated Recreation District No. 2 of the Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana (the “District”), on July 28, 2026, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the District on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2026**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the District qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION
(MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall Consolidated Recreation District No. 2 of the Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana (the “District”), be authorized to continue to levy a special tax of 6.20 mills (an estimated \$98,500 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), on all the property subject to taxation in the District for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2028 and ending with of the District?

The said special election shall be held at the polling places for the following precincts, which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to-wit:

PRECINCTS
05-04(PART)
05-05(PART)
05-06

The polling places for the precincts set forth above are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$8,000.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the tax described in the Proposition shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Monterey High School, 5920 Hwy. 129, Monterey, Louisiana, on **MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2027, at 6:00 P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the District are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

9/23, 30; 10/7,14 \$48

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Consolidated Recreation District No. 1 of the Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana (the “Governing Authority”), acting as the governing authority of Consolidated Recreation District No. 1 of the Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana (the “District”), on August 20, 2026, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the District on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2026**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the District qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION
(MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall Consolidated Recreation District No. 1 of the Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana (the “District”), be authorized to continue to levy a special tax of 3 mills (an estimated \$160,500 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), on all the property subject to taxation in the District for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2028 and ending with the year 2037, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and operating recreational facilities in and for the District, including lands, buildings and equipment ?

The said special election shall be held at the polling places for the following precincts, which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to-wit:

PRECINCTS
01-01
01-03
01-03A
01-04
03-04(PART)
04-01
04-02(PART)
04-03
04-04
05-01
05-04(PART)
05-05(PART)

The polling places for the precincts set forth above are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$15,100.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the tax described in the Proposition shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority,

and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Youth Center, 191 Vogt Street, Ferriday, Louisiana, on **THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2027, at 6:00 P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the District are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

9/23,20; 10/7,14 \$57

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

There will be a Public Hearing on Wednesday, October 21, 2026 at 2:00 PM at the Ferriday Library, 1609 Third Street, Ferriday, LA 71334 to discuss and approve the 2027 Budget of Concordia Parish Library. For more information contact – Library Director, 318-757-2707.

9/23, 30; 10/7,14 \$9

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

THE TOWN OF VIDALIA WILL ACCEPT SEALED BIDS ON OCTOBER 13, 2026 AT 6:00 P.M. AT VIDALIA TOWN HALL, 200 VERNON STEVENS BLVD., VIDALIA, LA FOR THE FOLLOWING:

ONE(1) NEW 4WD BACKHOE LOADER, MINIMUM 4.0 LITER ENGINE, 24” DIGGING BUCKET, MINIMUM 1.3YD FRONT LOADER BUCKET WITH MINIMUM 86” WIDTH

TERMS OF BIDS MUST BE GUARANTEED TO ACTUAL DELIVERY DATE.

A FULL SET OF NECESSARY SPECIFICATIONS IS AVAILABLE FROM CORNELL LEWIS AT THE VIDALIA UTILITY DEPARTMENT LOCATED AT 501 SYCAMORE STREET, VIDALIA, LA 71373, PHONE 318-336-6257 OR 318-719-2071.

ALL SEALED BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ENVELOPES MARKED “**SEALED BID”**, **ATTENTION: PIARA WILSON, MUNICIPAL CLERK, 200 VERNON STEVENS BLVD., VIDALIA, LA 71373.**

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTAL OF BIDS IS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026 AT 3:00 P.M. CST

A DESCRIPTION OF THE ITEM MUST BE ON THE ENVELOPE.

THE TOWN OF VIDALIA HAS THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS.

PIARA WILSON
MUNICIPAL CLERK

PUBLICATION DATES : SEPTEMBER 30, 2026 OCTOBER 7, 2026 \$24

NOTICE

Proposals will be received by the Board of Commissioners for the FIFTH LOUISIANA LEVEE DISTRICT, 102 Burnside Dr., Tallulah, LA 71282, up until 8:00 a.m. on October 30, 2026, and then opened and read for the following:

PROPOSALS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LANDSCAPING, IRRIGATION AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

at the Fifth Louisiana Levee District office located at 102 Burnside Dr., Tallulah, LA 71282.

The work shall include landscaping, irrigation installation, drainage installation, and related work necessary to complete the project.

Proposal specifications and additional information may be obtained from Fifth Louisiana Levee District, 102 Burnside Dr., Tallulah, LA 71282, telephone 318-574-2206.

The Board reserves the right to reject or modify any or all proposals.

Fifth Louisiana Levee Board
Reynold S. Minsky, President Jason Trichell, Supt. of Operations

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Request for Scenic River Permit on Bayou Cocodrie

The Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) as Administrator of the Louisiana Natural and Scenic Rivers System is currently considering the application of Bill Herrington to build a camp on Bayou Cocodrie. Copies of the application can be reviewed at the LDWF main office, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA. The public is invited to comment on this permit request for a period of thirty (30) days. Responses should be mailed to LDWF Scenic Rivers Program, P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000.

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRINITY MEDICAL BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 25, 2026
Trinity Medical Board Room

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular scheduled meeting of the Trinity Medical Board of Commissioners was called to order at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, August 4th, 2026, by Board Chairman, Mr. Jim Graves.

II. PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Fred Marsalis opened the meeting with prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Ingram.

III. ROLL CALL

A roll call revealed the following members present: Mr. Graves, Mr. Butcher, Mr. Marsalis, Mr. King, Mrs. Lipsey, Mr. Crum, and Dr. Ingram. Also present were: Mrs. Nekeisha Smith, Administrator, Mrs. Neely Greene, COO, Mr. Spencer Holder, CFO, Mrs. Lauren Guedon, CCO, Mr. Joey Martin, Concordia Sentinel, and Ms. Jordan Murray, Administrative Assistant.

OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENTS

At this time, Chairman Graves opened the meeting to public comments.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Graves asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting on August 4, 2026. The previous minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. King and a second by Mr. Marsalis. The motion carried unanimously when put to a vote.

VI. FINANCIAL REPORT

Approval of The Financial Report, FY 2027 Budget, and 2027 USDA Statement of Budget form RD 442-2 were presented by Mr. Holder. Approval was granted from a motion by Mr. Marsalis and a second by Mr. Crum. The motion carried unanimously when put to a vote.

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Administrative Report

We are still waiting to hear if our hospital will be awarded funding from the Rural Health Transformation Program. The announcements should go out by end of this month. We have applied for a new MRI machine, Ultrasound machine, upgraded software, new stretchers and wheelchairs. If awarded, this grant can save the hospital a lot of money.

Upcoming Events

Health and Wellness Fair will be on Friday, August 28th from 9-12. Several departments will provide health tips to the community on topics such as proper handwashing, self-breast examination, diabetic education and much more. We will have give aways and door prizes. We invite everyone to come out. VCOM (Via College of Osteopathic Medicine) students from Monroe, LA will have an informative presentation on “Reducing Stroke Risk Through Community-Based Education” on Monday, August 31st from 9:30 -10:30am in the MOB classroom at Trinity Medical. The presentation if for adults 18 and older. We are inviting all board members to attend if you would like to.

VIII. MANAGEMENT REPORT

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Public Notices

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There were no Departmental Policies and Procedures for Mrs. Greene to submit for approval in August.

IX. APPOINTMENTS and RESIGNATIONS

Appointment and resignations were approved on a motion by Dr. Ingram and a second by Mrs. Lipsey. The motion passed unanimously when put to a vote.

X. STRATEGIC PLANNING

Mr. Graves asked for a motion to reserve the right to enter Executive Session. Executive session was entered into a motion by Dr. Ingram and a second by Mr. Marsalis. Executive session was entered at 5:09 pm, and open session was reentered at 5:45 p.m.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

No new business for the month of August

XII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand, Mr. Graves thanked everyone for their attendance and support. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Marsalis and a second by Mrs. Lipsey. The motion carried unanimously when put to a vote.

JIM GRAVES, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:
NEKEISHA SMITH, CEO
SECRETARY

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BID NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, that the Concordia Parish School Board will receive sealed bids until 12 Noon, October 15, 2026 at Parish Tax Department's Administrative Office Building, 508 John Dale Drive, Vidalia, Louisiana, for the following:

1 ea - Portable Classroom Building, approximate size 24' wide x 64' long.

The building is located at the previous administrative office facility, 4358 Highway 84 West, Vidalia, Louisiana. The building can be viewed and inspected at any time during normal school hours.

This building is being sold as is, where is, with no warrantee implied or expressed. At the expense of the successful bidder, the building is to be removed from its current site within a period of 10 days following the bid award.

Mr. James White, the systems Maintenance Supervisor is the contact person for this disposal. His office is located at the Central Administrative Office, 4892 Highway 84 West, Vidalia, Louisiana, telephone (318) 336-4226 X 3510.

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE TOWN OF VIDALIA, LOUISIANA,
HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2026 AT 6:00 P.M.
IN THE TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM, 200 VERNON STEVENS BLVD.,
VIDALIA, LOUISIANA

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, met, in regular session, in the Town Hall Meeting Room on Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

There were present: Mayor Buz Craft, Aldermen Jon Betts, Robert Gardner, Tron McCoy, Tommy Probst and Brent Smith.

There were also present: Piara Wilson, Municipal Clerk; Debra Moak, Municipal Accountant; Jay LaSyone, Chief Administrative Officer; Brad Burget representative of Smith, Taliaferro & Purvis Law Firm, Municipal Attorney and members of the press.

The meeting was opened by the Mayor and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present, followed by the invocation given by Alderman Betts.

A quorum being present, the Mayor declared the 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 of the regular town meeting of July 14, 2026, were approved with no changes. The motion for the approval of the minutes was made by Alderman Gardner, seconded by Alderman Smith, and unanimously carried.

The Mayor then asked if anyone had comments on current agenda items. Noting that there were no other questions or comments, he advised that he would continue with the formal agenda.

Agenda Item No. 1 was the presentation of the financial statement for June, 2026. The Mayor then called on the Municipal Accountant, Debra Moak, CPA, who presented the financial statement. As customary, she began by explaining the various fund balances, which summaries included a comparison of actual expenses to budget expenses. Then, the summary sheets, previously given to the Aldermen, were reviewed in detail, including a report on the positive and negative fund balances and indicated the net changes in the various funds. After reporting on which revenues are under budget and which are over budget at this time, she brought the Aldermen up to date on several items of interest. Those items included: cash in the bank; investments; total assets and liabilities; combined revenues and expenses. The Mayor then asked if anyone had any questions for Mrs. Moak. There were no questions and he thanked Mrs. Moak for her presentation.

Agenda Item No. 2 was Board discussion and vote on approval of occupational license applications. The first application was Kipp and Jo by Sadie Holland and Dana Wagoner located at 3046 C Carter Street in Vidalia, La. A motion to approve the application was made by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman McCoy and unanimously carried. The next application was Southern Dirt and Rentals LLC by Cass Cannon located at 1720 Carter Street in Vidalia, La. A motion to approve the application was made by Alderman Betts, seconded by Alderman Probst and unanimously carried.

Agenda Item No. 3 was Board discussion and vote on approval of sign applications. The only application was Southern Dirt and Rentals LLC located at 1720 Carter Street, Vidalia, La. 71373. There being no questions or comments, a motion to grant the application was made by Alderman Betts, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and unanimously carried.

Agenda Item No. 4 was Board discussion and approval to advertise for a new backhoe for the Utility Department. Mr. Cornell Lewis, the Utility Department Supervisor stated that the backhoe is 21 years old and needs to be replaced. The Mayor made mention that the backhoe was placed in the budget. Being no further comments or discussion, a motion to approve was made by Alderman Gardner, seconded by Alderman Smith and unanimously carried.

Agenda Item No. 5 was Board discussion and vote of to approve the appointment of Hank Marling to the Planning and Zoning Commission. The Mayor acknowledged Mr. Marling and thanked him for stepping up to fill the position. He also stated that Mr. Marling has his own business as a surveyor service and has previously done work for the Town before, making him a great asset to have on the Commission. Mr. Marling will be the fifth member as others before him have asked to be off the Commission. There being no further questions or comments, a motion to approve was made by Alderman Gardner, seconded by Alderman Smith, and unanimously carried.

Agenda Item No. 6 was Board discussion and vote on approval for Vidalia Police Department, Tyler Boyette as a full-time patrolman. The Mayor acknowledged Captain Godbold who gave the credentials of Mr. Boyette, stating that Mr. Boyette has military experience, having served four years in the Marines and is considered to be a good hire. Being no further discussion, a motion to approve was made by Alderman McCoy, seconded by Alderman Betts and unanimously carried.

Agenda Item No. 7 was introduction of an ordinance to amend the Town of Vidalia Zoning and Development Code. The Mayor stated that this was just an introduction only and the ordinance will be published accordingly in the Towns public journal with approval voting to take place at the next monthly meeting after a public hearing. Before moving on to the next agenda item, the Mayor asked for a motion to add an agenda item which is an introduction of another ordinance. The motion to add the agenda item was made by Alderman Betts, seconded by Alderman Probst and unanimously carried. The Mayor then introduced the ordinance which is amending the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana Zoning and Development code by authorizing and regulating charitable raffles, bingo, keno within the corporate limits of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana provided for local approval by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen requiring compliance with Louisiana charitable raffles bingo and keno license and laws establishing requirements for charitable gaming locations prohibiting electronic or video bingo to the extent permitted by State Law and providing for relation matters.

(A COPY OF THE ORDINANCE IS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF)

Agenda Item No. 8 was Mayor updates for the Town of Vidalia. The Mayor began his report by acknowledging the LMA Annual Convention Community Service Award that was submitted by Dustin Hinkle and Piara Wilson in which the Town was awarded Honorable Mention. He then acknowledged Alderman Jon Betts and Tron McCoy who received their service awards at the LMA Convention. Alderman Betts was awarded the sixth term award pen and Alderman McCoy was honored for four terms. The Mayor thanked them for their service and continued with his updates. He began with the Farmers Market, stating that renderings will be presented at the Hydro meetings; MLK signs are awaiting approval from the State on where they can be placed and the size of them. He proceeding with the turning lane on the western side of the park entrance, stating that he is awaiting DOT to make the turning lane easier to get in and out of the area; tree removal is still ongoing and probably halfway through; the compromised culverts on Concordia Avenue across from the school are finished and the only thing left is to complete the curving concrete. The Sidewalk Initiative is ongoing as surveyors have been out in the area. The Mayor concluded his reports by giving an update on D.A. Biglane Rd., stating that work should begin next week. Having concluded his reports, the Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn.

Agenda Item No. 8 was adjournment. The Mayor noting that there was no further agenda items, asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Alderman McCoy, seconded by Alderman Gardner, and unanimously carried.

/s/ Piara Wilson

PIARA WILSON, MUNICIPAL CLERK

/s/ Buz Craft

BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR

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ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE VIDALIA, LOUISIANA ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT CODE BY ADDING CERTAIN LAND USES AND DEVELOPMENT TYPES

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 August 11, 2026; and

(2) After due notice of advertising of this proposed Ordinance in the Official Journal of this Board on the ___ day of ___, 2026, and public hearing held by the Board on the ___ day of ___, 2026, it is hereby ordained and adopted as Ordinance of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, that:

WHEREAS, to better serve the ever-changing needs of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, a new Code of Ordinances was adopted August 16, 2017, by Ordinance No. 673.

WHEREAS, in order to keep the Zoning and Development Code relevant and responsive to the changing needs of the Town of Vidalia, it is necessary to update the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, Zoning and Development Code so that the positive development of the Town may be continued and the health, safety, convenience, morals, and general welfare of the community may be promoted; and

WHEREAS, the Vidalia Planning and Zoning Commission have recommended to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen certain amendments to that Zoning and Development Code concerning adding certain language to the District Purpose Statements in Articles 3.5.1 and 3.5.10; adding certain use categories to the Table of Uses in Article 4; adding new use-specific conditions to Article 4.4; adding new definitions to Article 9. A copy of the Ordinance has been available for review at Town Hall since its introduction;

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, that the Vidalia, Louisiana, Zoning and Development Code is hereby amended as follows:

1. Amend the Purpose statements of the following districts by adding the underlined language shown. No existing purpose language is deleted.

Agricultural (A)

The District may also accommodate land-based renewable energy production and community-scale food cultivation compatible with its rural, open-space character.

Industrial (I)

The District is further intended to accommodate contemporary industrial, digital-infrastructure, energy, logistics, and port-related uses — including data centers, electric generating facilities, battery energy storage systems, port and marine terminal operations and their industrial customers, and advanced logistics facilities — that require substantial power, water, rail, marine, or connectivity infrastructure.

2.Add the following use categories to the Table of Uses with the district designations shown. Designation legend: P = permitted by right; C = permitted with conditions (administrative, no public hearing); PC = Planning Commission approval; E = special exception; – = not permitted.

Proposed Use Category (addition)	District Designation(s)
Solar energy system, utility-scale (solar farm)	A, E, I, C
Community garden / urban agriculture	A, RE, R10, R8, RMU, CMU, TC, NC, P
Short-term rental (lodging for < 30 consecutive days)	RE, R10, R8, RMU, CMU, TC, NC, CC, C
Electric vehicle charging station (principal use)	CMU, TC, NC, CC, I, P
Outdoor dining / sidewalk café (accessory to a restaurant)	CMU, TC, NC, CC, P
Coworking / flexible shared office	RMU, CMU, TC, NC, CC, P
Hotel / motel / extended-stay lodging	CMU, TC, CC, I, P ; NC, PC
Data center	I, C, - CC, PC
Battery energy storage system (BESS)	I, C
Electric vehicle fleet / charging depot	I, P
Last-mile delivery / microfulfillment center	I, P ; CC, PC
Electric generating facility (power plant — thermal, natural-gas, combined-cycle, or renewable)	I, P
Port-related / port-dependent industrial use (bulk and marine terminals, transloading, and port customers)	I, P

Notes. Accessory electric-vehicle charging serving an on-site principal use is permitted (P) in all districts as an accessory use. The CC designation for Data Center is optional, provided as a fallback for smaller edge/colocation facilities, and may be omitted at the City's discretion.

3.Add the following new use-specific condition sections. The Data Center use (designated “C”) is approved administratively by the Zoning Administrator without public hearing, subject to satisfaction of these standards.

§ 4.4.[_] Data Centers

A. Setback and buffer. A minimum one-hundred-foot (100') buffer yard shall be provided along any property line abutting a residential district or an existing residential use.

B. Height. Maximum height shall be as established for the underlying district, inclusive of roof-mounted cooling, ventilation, and HVAC equipment.

C. Noise. Operations shall not exceed sixty-five (65) dBA at any residential property line. A noise study certified by a professional acoustical engineer shall accompany the application.

D. Screening. All ground-mounted generators, substations, cooling equipment, and power-supply equipment shall be screened by a solid wall, fence, or landscaped barrier. Rooftop equipment shall be screened by a parapet wall or equipment penthouse.

E. Backup generation and fuel. Generator placement, fuel storage, and spill prevention shall comply with applicable state and federal standards. Where feasible, the facility shall operate as a synthetic minor air-emissions source.

F. Security and emergency contact. Perimeter fencing and twenty-four-hour emergency-contact signage at the primary access entrance shall be provided.

G. Utility coordination. Documentation of committed or available electric-power and water-service capacity shall accompany the application.

H. Decommissioning. An electronic-waste and decommissioning plan addressing removal and recycling of server infrastructure and batteries shall be submitted.

§ 4.4.[_] Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS)

A. Setback and buffer. A minimum one-hundred-foot (100') buffer yard shall be provided along any property line abutting a residential district or use.

B. Fire safety. The system shall comply with NFPA 855 and the currently adopted fire code. A hazard-mitigation analysis and emergency response plan shall be submitted for review and approval by the fire authority having jurisdiction.

C. Screening. Enclosures shall be screened from adjacent residential districts by

a wall, fence, or landscaping.

D. Signage. Hazard and twenty-four-hour emergency-contact signage shall be posted at the primary entrance.

E. Decommissioning. A decommissioning plan and, at the City's option, financial assurance for removal of the system shall be provided.

4. Add the following definitions in alphabetical order to Article 9.

Battery Energy Storage System (BESS). A system of one or more battery cells, together with associated inverters, controls, and enclosures, that stores electrical energy for later discharge to the electric grid or an on-site load. The term excludes energy storage that is integral to a permitted backup-power or vehicle-charging installation.

Data Center. A facility used primarily for the storage, management, processing, and transmission of digital data, housing computer servers, network equipment, and associated systems. A data center may include air handling, backup power generation, energy storage, water cooling and storage, utility substations, and related infrastructure supporting sustained operation.

Data Center Accessory Use. An ancillary use or structure secondary and incidental to a data center, including administrative offices, logistics, fiber-optic, storage, and security structures located on the same site as the principal data center use.

Electric Generating Facility (Power Plant). A facility, together with its associated equipment and structures, that generates electricity for delivery to the electric grid or to on-site or off-site loads, including thermal, natural-gas, combined-cycle, and renewable generating facilities. The term includes accessory fuel handling, cooling, water, and interconnection infrastructure.

Electric Vehicle Charging Station. A device or assembly of devices that supplies electrical energy for the charging of electric vehicles, whether as a principal use or as an accessory to another use.

Port-Related Industrial Use. An industrial, manufacturing, warehousing, distribution, transloading, or terminal use that depends upon or directly serves waterborne commerce at the Port of Vidalia, including bulk and break-bulk cargo terminals, marine terminals, and the industrial customers and tenants of the port.

Solar Energy System. A device or assembly that converts solar radiation to usable energy. A rooftop or accessory solar energy system serves on-site demand and is mounted on a structure or ground-mounted incidental to the principal use. A utility-scale solar energy system (solar farm) is a principal use generating electricity primarily for off-site consumption or sale.

The foregoing ordinance was read and considered as a whole, and the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

WHEREUPON, the Mayor declared the foregoing Ordinance to be duly adopted this ___ day of ___, 2026, to be effective immediately.

PIARA WILSON, MUNICIPAL CLERK

BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR

ORINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF VIDALIA, LOUISIANA ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT CODE BY AUTHORIZING AND REGULATING CHARITABLE RAFFLES, BINGOS, AND KENO WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF VIDALIA, LOUISIANA; PROVIDING FOR LOCAL APPROVAL BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN; REQUIRING COMPLIANCE WITH THE LOUISIANA CHARITABLE RAFFLES, BINGO AND KENO LICENSING LAW; ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS FOR CHARITABLE GAMING LOCATIONS; PROHIBITING ELECTRONIC OR VIDEO GAMING; OF ANY TYPE TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY STATE LAW; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS.

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 in August 11, 2026, and

(2) After due notice of advertising of this proposed Ordinance in the Official Journal of this Board on the ___ day of August, 2026, and public hearing held by the Board on the ___ day of ___, 2026, it is hereby ordained and adopted as Ordinance of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana that:

WHEREAS, to better serve the ever-changing needs of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, a new Code of Ordinances was adopted August 16, 2017, by Ordinance No. 673.

WHEREAS, in order to keep the Zoning and Development Code relevant and responsive to the changing needs of the Town of Vidalia, it is necessary to update the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, Zoning and Development Code so that the positive development of the Town may be continued and the health and safety, convenience, morals, and general welfare of the community may be promoted; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature has enacted the Charitable Raffles, Bingo and Keno Licensing Law, codified in La. R.S. 4:701 et seq.;

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 4:702 declares that the purpose of the Charitable Raffles, Bingo and Keno Licensing Law is, among other things, to ensure that the net proceeds of charitable games of chance are contributed to bona fide charitable causes and to prevent fraud and the infiltration of organized crime or professional gambling into charitable gaming;

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 4:703 establishes the definitions applicable to charitable gaming, including the definition of a “charitable organization”;

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 4:705 establishes the Office of Charitable Gaming within the Louisiana Department of Revenue and provides for the issuance and renewal of state licenses for organizations.

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 4:706(A) provides that the governing authority of each municipality shall decide whether charitable raffles, bingo, and keno shall be permitted within the limits of the municipality;

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 4:706(C)(1) provides that when a local governing authority elects to license and regulate charitable raffles, bingo, and keno within its jurisdiction, it may adopt rules, regulations, and ordinances governing charitable organizations and the conduct of authorized games of chance;)

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 4:706(C)(2) provides that no local governing authority shall issue a license to an organization unless that organization has first obtained a license from the Office of Charitable Gaming in accordance with state law;

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 4:706(C)(3) provides that no local governing authority may adopt an ordinance, rule, or regulation for operating a game of chance that conflicts with the provisions of the Charitable Raffles, Bingo and Keno Licensing Law;

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 4:707 authorizes the state Office of Charitable Gaming to license qualified charitable organizations to conduct raffles, bingo, and keno and further authorizes the governing authority of a municipality to license charitable organizations to conduct certain games of chance within the municipality;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vidalia desire to permit charitable raffles, traditional bingo, and keno within the corporate limits of the Town, subject to state licensing requirements and additional local approval and regulation;

WHEREAS, the Town of Vidalia desires to maintain local oversight of charitable gaming locations and organizations operating within the Town while ensuring that such activities remain compliant with Louisiana law;

WHEREAS, the Town of Vidalia desires, to the fullest extent permitted by Louisiana law, to prohibit electronic and video bingo within the Town and to limit charitable bingo conducted pursuant to this Ordinance to traditional, non-electronic bingo; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen find that permitting properly regulated charitable gaming may provide additional fundraising opportunities for qualified charitable, civic, religious, educational, and nonprofit organizations while maintaining appropriate local oversight;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, duly assembled, that the following provisions are hereby adopted:

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SECTION 1. AUTHORITY

This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authority granted to municipalities under La. R.S. 4:706 and La. R.S. 4:707, together with all other applicable provisions of Louisiana law.

The Town of Vidalia hereby elects to permit charitable raffles, bingo, and keno within the corporate limits of the Town, subject to this Ordinance and all applicable provisions of the Louisiana Charitable Raffles, Bingo and Keno Licensing Law, La. R.S. 4:701 et seq.

SECTION 2. AUTHORIZED CHARITABLE GAMES

Subject to the requirements of this Ordinance and applicable state law, qualified charitable organizations may conduct the following charitable games within the corporate limits of the Town of Vidalia:

Charitable raffles;

Traditional bingo; and

Keno.

The games authorized by this Section shall be conducted only by organizations and at locations that have received all approvals and licenses required by the State of Louisiana and the Town of Vidalia.

The authorization granted by this Ordinance shall not be interpreted to authorize any game, device, activity, or method of operation prohibited by Louisiana law.

Statutory authority: La. R.S. 4:706(A), 4:706(C), and 4:707.

SECTION 3. QUALIFIED CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

Only organizations legally eligible to conduct charitable gaming under Louisiana law shall be eligible for approval under this Ordinance.

For purposes of determining eligibility, the Town shall rely upon the applicable definitions and requirements contained in La. R.S. 4:703 and the licensing provisions of La. R.S. 4:707 and 4:708 et seq

An organization shall maintain its eligibility and all required state licenses throughout the period in which it conducts charitable gaming within the Town.

Statutory authority: La. R.S. 4:703, 4:707, and 4:708 et seq.

SECTION 4. STATE LICENSE REQUIRED BEFORE LOCAL APPROVAL

No organization shall be approved or licensed by the Town of Vidalia to conduct charitable bingo, raffles, or keno unless the organization has first obtained all state licenses required by the Louisiana Office of Charitable Gaming.

The Town shall not issue a local charitable gaming license or approval to an organization that does not possess the applicable state license required by law.

The organization shall provide proof of its current state license with its application to the Town.

Statutory authority: La. R.S. 4:706(C)(2), 4:707(G), and 4:707(H).

SECTION 5. APPROVAL BY MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Each charitable organization seeking to conduct bingo, raffles, or keno within the corporate limits of Vidalia shall obtain approval from the Mayor and Board of Aldermen before commencing charitable gaming activities.

Approval shall be granted by formal action of the Board of Aldermen.

The Board may establish reasonable application procedures and may require documentation demonstrating compliance with state and local requirements.

Approval shall identify:

The charitable organization;

The type or types of charitable games authorized;

The specific location or locations approved for charitable gaming; and
Any reasonable conditions imposed by the Board that are consistent with Louisiana law.

Statutory authority: La. R.S. 4:706(C)(1), which expressly authorizes local governing authorities to adopt rules, regulations, and ordinances governing charitable gaming.

SECTION 6. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

An organization applying for local approval shall provide, at a minimum:

The legal name of the organization;

The organization's principal business or mailing address;

Proof of current state charitable gaming licensure;

The organization's state charitable gaming license number;

The type of charitable gaming proposed;

The proposed location or locations;

The name and contact information of the person responsible for charitable gaming operations;

Documentation demonstrating that the proposed location complies with applicable state requirements;

Any required commercial lessor license information; and

Any other information reasonably necessary for the Town to determine compliance with this Ordinance and applicable law.

The Town may require updated documentation when an organization's state license is renewed or when the organization changes its approved location or type of gaming.

SECTION 7. CHARITABLE GAMING LOCATIONS

Every location at which charitable bingo, raffles, or keno is conducted within Vidalia shall comply with all applicable state licensing and regulatory requirements. Where a commercial lessor is involved, the lessor shall comply with La. R.S. 4:719, including applicable state commercial lessor licensing requirements.

The Town shall not approve a location unless the location satisfies applicable state requirements and any applicable Town requirements concerning occupancy, fire safety, building requirements, zoning, or other lawful municipal requirements.

Approval of a location by the Town shall not constitute a determination that the location satisfies any requirement imposed by the State of Louisiana.

Statutory authority: La. R.S. 4:719 and other applicable provisions of Title 4 and state regulations.

SECTION 8. TRADITIONAL BINGO; PROHIBITION OF ELECTRONIC OR VIDEO BINGO

It shall be the policy of the Town of Vidalia that charitable bingo authorized under this Ordinance shall be conducted through traditional, non-electronic means. To the fullest extent permitted by Louisiana law, electronic bingo, video bingo, electronic video bingo machines, and other electronic devices used to conduct bingo shall not be permitted at charitable gaming locations within the corporate limits of the Town of Vidalia.

No charitable organization approved under this Ordinance shall install, operate, maintain, or permit the operation of an electronic or video bingo machine or electronic bingo gaming device at an approved charitable gaming location unless such activity is expressly required or protected by applicable state law.

Nothing in this Section shall be interpreted to conflict with La. R.S. 4:706(C)(3) or any other provision of Louisiana law.

If state law is amended after adoption of this Ordinance in a manner affecting the Town's authority to prohibit or regulate electronic or video bingo, this Section shall be interpreted and enforced consistently with the amended state law. Statutory authority: La. R.S. 4:706(C)(3) and 4:706(D), together with applicable provisions governing electronic video bingo.

SECTION 9. COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW AND REGULATIONS

All charitable gaming conducted within Vidalia shall comply with:

La. R.S. 4:701 et seq.;

Rules and regulations adopted by the Louisiana Office of Charitable Gaming;

All applicable state licensing requirements;

All applicable reporting and recordkeeping requirements;

All applicable requirements governing charitable gaming equipment and supplies; and

All other applicable federal, state, parish, and municipal laws

The state requirements governing charitable gaming shall apply in addition to the requirements of this Ordinance.

Where a provision of this Ordinance conflicts with mandatory state law, the state law shall control to the extent of the conflict, consistent with La. R.S. 4:706(C)(3).

SECTION 10. COMMERCIAL LESSOR

Any person or business leasing premises for charitable gaming shall comply with the applicable requirements of La. R.S. 4:719.

A commercial lessor shall obtain and maintain any state license required for the premises.

Any rental agreement shall comply with the limitations established by Louisiana law, including the requirement that rental payments be based upon reasonable market rental rates and not upon a percentage of charitable gaming receipts or profits.

Statutory authority: La. R.S. 4:719

SECTION 11. LOCAL APPROVAL DOES NOT REPLACE STATE LICENSURE

A local approval issued by the Town of Vidalia shall not replace, modify, or supersede any license, permit, approval, reporting obligation, or other requirement imposed by the State of Louisiana.

The Town's approval is supplemental to state licensing and shall remain contingent upon the organization maintaining all state licenses and complying with applicable state law.

Statutory authority: La. R.S. 4:706(C)(2), 4:707(G), and 4:707(H).

SECTION 12. SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LOCAL APPROVAL

The Town may suspend or revoke a local approval, after reasonable notice and an opportunity to be heard as required by applicable law, when an organization: Loses, allows to expire, or has suspended or revoked its state charitable gaming license;

Violates this Ordinance;

Violates applicable state charitable gaming laws or regulations;

Conducts charitable gaming at an unapproved location;

Conducts a game not authorized by the Town;

Operates electronic or video bingo in violation of Section 8 of this Ordinance, to the extent permitted by state law;

Provides materially false or misleading information to the Town; or

Otherwise violates a material condition of its local approval.

Nothing in this Section shall limit the independent enforcement authority of the Louisiana Office of Charitable Gaming.

SECTION 13. STATE ENFORCEMENT

The Town recognizes that the Louisiana Office of Charitable Gaming has statutory responsibilities concerning the licensing, monitoring, inspection, auditing, and enforcement of charitable gaming activities.

La. R.S. 4:705 authorizes the Office of Charitable Gaming to issue and renew state licenses and to monitor licensees through inspections, investigations, and audits.

The Town may cooperate with the Office of Charitable Gaming and other state or local law enforcement agencies concerning alleged violations of charitable gaming laws.

SECTION 14. RECORDS AND REPORTING

All organizations conducting charitable gaming within the Town shall maintain and provide records as required by Louisiana law and the rules and regulations of the Office of Charitable Gaming.

Nothing in this Ordinance shall relieve a charitable organization from any state reporting requirement.

The Town may require reasonable documentation necessary to verify that an organization continues to hold a valid state license and local approval.

SECTION 15. SEPARATE APPROVAL FOR EACH LOCATION

Local approval shall be specific to the charitable organization and the location identified in the approval.

An organization approved to conduct charitable gaming at one location shall not conduct charitable gaming at another location within the Town without obtaining additional approval from the Board of Aldermen.

Likewise, approval of a location for one charitable organization shall not automatically authorize another organization to conduct charitable gaming at that location.

SECTION 16. LOCAL FEES

The Town may establish reasonable administrative fees associated with the processing of local charitable gaming applications, inspections, or approvals, provided such fees are authorized by applicable Louisiana law.

Any fee schedule shall be established by ordinance, resolution, or other lawful action of the Town.

SECTION 17. SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or provision of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 18. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS

All ordinances, resolutions, or portions thereof previously adopted by the Town of Vidalia that conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 19. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption, publication, and completion of all procedures required by applicable Louisiana law and the Town of Vidalia's governing procedures.

SECTION 20. STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION

This Ordinance shall be construed in harmony with the Louisiana Charitable Raffles, Bingo and Keno Licensing Law, La. R.S. 4:701 et seq.

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to grant authority to the Town, a charitable organization, commercial lessor, or any other person that is prohibited by Louisiana law.

If a provision of this Ordinance is determined to exceed the Town's authority under Louisiana law, that provision shall be limited to the maximum extent permitted by law without invalidating the remaining provisions.

The foregoing ordinance was read and considered as a whole, and the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS:
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

WHEREUPON, the Mayor declared the foregoing Ordinance to be duly adopted this __ day of ____, 2026, to be effective immediately.

PIARA WILSON, MUNICIPAL CLERK	BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR
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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF VIDALIA, LOUISIANA, HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2026 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE VIDALIA TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM, 200 VERNON STEVENS BLVD., VIDALIA, LA	
The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, met, in special session, at the Vidalia Town Hall meeting room, in Vidalia, Louisiana, on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.	
There were present: Mayor Buz Craft, Aldermen Jon Betts, Brent Smith, Robert Gardner, and Tommy Probst.	
There were also present: Piara Wilson, Municipal Clerk, Jay LaSyone, Chief Administrative Officer, Brad Burget, representative of Smith, Taliaferro and Purvis Law Firm, and members of the press.	
There were absent: Alderman Triand McCoy, and Debra Moak, Municipal Accountant.	
The meeting was opened by the Mayor with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance by those present, and the invocation was given by Alderman Betts.	
A quorum being present, the Mayor declared the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, to be duly convened, in special session, as the governing authority of said municipality, and opened the meeting for the conduct of business.	
Before addressing the agenda items, the Mayor explained the procedures for computing the surplus hydro royalties. There followed a Board discussion and the Mayor gave his list of projects. His project list consisted of, a skatepark to be located at Polk Park for approximately \$350,000-\$450,000; Farmers Market funds to be increased at a later date and Decorative Street signs for approximately \$250-\$1,000 per sign with approximately 300 signs within the Town.	
Alderman Probst was next to give his project list. His only ask was for a program for trash cans for the Town. The Mayor explained that this project was already approved and that they will get together and speak with the Sanitation Department regarding the program.	
Alderman Gardner spoke next with his projects consisting of stop signs needing repair or replaced, the possibility of creating a road between N. Spruce Street and N. Magnolia Street; city wide curb and gutter improvements; sidewalks and small recreational area in District 2.	
Alderman Betts spoke next and his project was for a divider fence or shade on the Pickleball Courts located at Polk Park.	
Alderman Smith spoke next with his project requests of the Challenger Field and Vidalia High School Football needs.	
Agenda Item No. 2 was Board vote to enter into public hearing to receive public input concerning possible alternative uses of surplus hydroelectric royalties. The Mayor called for a motion to enter the public hearing. A motion was made by Alderman Gardner, seconded by Alderman Probst, to enter the public hearing which carried unanimously. The first person to speak was Mr. Jack Schmidt with the Challenger Field with an amount of approximately \$1.3 million. Mr. Jimmy Allgood spoke on behalf of Team Up for All pertaining to the Big River Fall Festival held during the MS Balloon Festival with an ask for \$50,000 which is the same as last year. Mr. Beaux Pilgrim spoke in regards to lighting at the Riverfront stating that during the Spring Festival held by First Baptist Church, the amphitheater area is generally dark and light improvements could help. He also asked that the upkeep to the Towns Historic Buildings be considered for needed upgrades. Next, Cindy Galloway, President of the Vidalia Garden Club, suggested Public Art and or Murals throughout Town, electrical box paintings and flower planters to be placed throughout Town and possibly Polk Park. Mr. Graham Roberts and Stephen Dawkins spoke on behalf of the Vidalia High School Quarterback Club. The Quarterback Club submitted 3 proposals ranging from \$74,242.95 to \$1.4 million. The proposals asked for various equipment that the football team is in need of, along with a Turf Tank and turfing the football field. The next person to speak was Ms. Vivian Bradford with concerns of the Council on Aging Repairs, a Marquee possibly by Subway and a sidewalk at her home. There was also the Pride of Vidalia Lodge #106 which was represented by Mr. Kenny Simpson and Mr. Henry Garner. Their ask was for help pertaining to their building in the amount of \$33,475. Ms. Josephine Webster spoke on behalf of the Memorial Day Committee for drums in the amount of \$2,500. The last person to speak was Mrs. Brenda Logan with an inquiry about the Memorial Day Marker that was previously approved. The Mayor informed the Board that they are awaiting the location of where the marker will be. Before moving on with the agenda, the Mayor brought to the Boards attention, the option to purchase the Taconey Home located near Polk Park. He also asked the Board to consider helping the Police Jury in any way the Town could with renovations to the old Court House and the funding to do so. There being no further input from the audience, the Mayor moved to the next Agenda item.	
Agenda Item No. 3 was Board vote to exit the public hearing. Alderman Smith moved to exit the public hearing, which was seconded by Alderman Betts, and unanimously carried.	
Agenda Item No. 4 was adjournment. The Mayor announced that there was no further business and asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Gardner, seconded by Alderman Betts, and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.	
/s/ Piara Wilson PIARA WILSON, MUNICIPAL CLERK	/s/ Buz Craft BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR
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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF VIDALIA, LOUISIANA, HELD ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2026 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE VIDALIA TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM, 200 VERNON STEVENS BLVD., VIDALIA, LA	
The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, met, in special session, at the Vidalia Town Hall meeting room, in Vidalia, Louisiana, on Thursday, August 20, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.	
There were present: Mayor Buz Craft, Aldermen Jon Betts, Brent Smith, Robert Gardner, Tommy Probst, and Tron McCoy.	
There were also present: Piara Wilson, Municipal Clerk, Brad Burget, representative of Smith, Taliaferro and Purvis Law Firm, and members of the press.	
There was absent: Jay LaSyone, Chief Administrative Officer and Debra Moak, Municipal Accountant.	
The meeting was opened by the Mayor with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance by those present, and the invocation was given by Alderman Betts.	
A quorum being present, the Mayor declared the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, to be duly convened, in special session, as the governing authority of said municipality, and opened the meeting for the conduct of business.	
Before addressing the agenda items, the Mayor explained that the Board had given their list on Tuesday and would not repeat that list. Alderman Gardner gave a list of projects on behalf of Reginald Smith, asking for play equipment at Vidalia Junior High, a public swimming pool, and needed maintenance at Vidalia Lower Elementary. Being no other comments from other Aldermen, Mayor Craft proceeded with the next Agenda Item.	
Agenda Item No. 2 was Board vote to enter into public hearing to receive public input concerning possible alternative uses of surplus hydroelectric royalties. The Mayor called for a motion to enter the public hearing. A motion was made by Alderman Gardner, seconded by Alderman Smith, to enter the public hearing which carried unanimously. The first person to speak was Linda Bell. Her ask was for \$3,00-\$3,500 for Memorial Day equipment such as drums, straps, and sticks. She also asked that no outlet signs be placed on stop signs of dead-end streets and the status of the Memorial Day Marker stating that the location should be in the district of Alderman Gardner. Next to speak was Mike Bowlin with Concordia Parish Recreation District #3. His ask was for \$253,991.71 which included a PA System for the complex, batting cage nets, bleachers and bleacher covers, fencing near soccer fields and practice field repairs at the old ball park. Up next was Deatra (Dee Dee) Roberts with an ask for a Spay and Neuter Program for Vidalia totaling \$25,000. Crystal Reyes appeared before the Board and asked for \$2,500 for equipment for her nonprofit youth organization which is a youth football and cheerleader league. Wendell Millicks spoke last with his proposed projects in-	
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cluding the following items: Renovations for the Town of Vidalia old water plant building which totals \$355,000 and to place a football/track field at a 12-acre site located behind Vidalia Junior High School which totaled \$450,000. There being no further input from the audience, the Mayor moved to the next Agenda item.

Agenda Item No. 3 was Board vote to exit the public hearing. Alderman Betts moved to exit the public hearing, which was seconded by Alderman McCoy, and unanimously carried.

Agenda Item No. 4 was adjournment. Before adjournment, the Mayor stated that IT Director Bobby Paul wanted to add a project for additional cameras that are needed throughout Town and Polk Park. The Mayor the entertained a motion to adjourn which made by Alderman McCoy, seconded by Alderman Smith, and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Piara Wilson_____/s/ Buz Craft_____
PIARA WILSON, MUNICIPAL CLERKBUZ CRAFT, MAYOR

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE TOWN OF VIDALIA, LOUISIANA,
HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2026 AT 6:00 P.M.
IN THE TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM,
200 VERNON STEVENS BLVD., VIDALIA, LOUISIANA

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, met, in regular session, in the Town Hall Meeting Room on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

There were present: Mayor Buz Craft, Aldermen Jon Betts, Tron McCoy, Brent Smith and Robert Gardner.

There were also present: Piara Wilson, Municipal Clerk; Debra Moak, Chief Financial Officer; Brad Burget representative of Smith, Taliaferro & Purvis Law Firm; Jay LaSoyne, Chief Administrative Officer; and members of the press.

There were absent: Alderman Tommy Probst

The meeting was opened by the Mayor and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present, followed by the invocation given by Alderman Betts.

A quorum being present, the Mayor declared the 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 of the regular town meeting of August 11, 2026, along with special town meetings of August 18 & 20, 2026, were approved with no changes. The motion for the approval of the minutes was made by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Betts, and unanimously carried.

The Mayor then asked if anyone had comments on current agenda items. Linda Bell requested that the minutes from August 20th Special Town Meeting be corrected to show they asked for the memorial plaque to be in District 2 instead of naming Robert Gardner. She also requested that within the same minutes that they clarify she only asked for no outlet signs on four specific dead-end streets rather than all dead-end streets. Cindy Smith spoke in regards to the Challenger League Baseball Field. She requested a speedy review of the proposed ball field project for the Challenger League to avoid delays. The league has received approval from the Recreation Board to move forward with the designated spot in the complex. A land survey revealed that the project must include ethe Corps of Engineers, which will take time and requires immediate action to ensure the field is ready for the spring. She also stated that the league is a 15-year-old league that serves players of all ages, race and abilities. Noting that no one had any other questions or comments, the Mayor advised that he would continue with the formal agenda.

Agenda Item No. 1 was the presentation of the financial statement for July, 2026. The financial statement as of July 31, 2026 included a balance sheet with statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance for the month. Combined cash, including restricted funds in the Hydro Fund and Sales Tax Fund revenues, total assets, total liabilities and bond balance. There being no questions, the Mayor moved on to the next agenda item.

Agenda Item No. 2 was Board discussion and vote on approval on Mayors recommendation for Blighted Property hearing officer Alyssa M. Mulligan. The Mayor began the discussion by stating the former hearing officer Joey Booth vacated the position after becoming the district court judge. He went on to say that the Ms. Mulligan works with the same firm as Joey Booth and has experience as a municipal attorney. A motion to approve was made by Alderman Betts, seconded by Alderman Smith, and unanimously carried.

Agenda Item No. 3 was Board discussion and approval of sign applications. There being only one by Kipp & Jo located at 3046 C Carter Street. There being no discussion, a motion to approve was made by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Betts and unanimously carried.

Agenda Item No. 4 was Board discussion and approve bids on a new excavator for the utility department. Two bids were submitted, one being from Emery Equipment a Bobcat dealer located in Baton Rouge, La. for \$119,549 and the other from Stribling Equipment a John Deere dealer for \$132,409.20. A discussion was held which covered warranty information, performance specifications and the pros of the local option. A motion was offered by Alderman McCoy, seconded by Alderman Gardner, to accept the lower bid of \$119,549 from Emery Equipment, subject to warranty and ensuring machines meet the specs required pending final utility department head approval. Agenda Item No. 5 was public hearing of an ordinance to amend the Vidalia, Louisiana zoning and development code by adding certain land uses and development types. A motion to enter into public hearing was made by Alderman Gardner, seconded by Alderman Smith and unanimously carried. There being no comments from the public, the Mayor asked for a motion to exit public hearing. A motion was made by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Betts and unanimously carried to exit public hearing.

Agenda Item No. 6 was Board discussion and vote to approve and ordinance to amend the Vidalia, Louisiana zoning and development code by adding certain land uses and development types. The Mayor stated the purpose of this was to bring the zoning codes for our industrial areas and also some of our ag areas up to date. The ag part may accommodate land based renewable energy production and community skill food cultivation compatible with its rural open space character. And on the industrial side, it is further intended to accommodate contemporary and industrial digital infrastructure energy logistics and port related issues including data center, electric generating facilities, battery energy storage systems, port marine terminal operations and their industrial customers, and advanced logistics facilities that require substantial power, water, rail, marine or connectivity infrastructure. The change was prompted by parties bidding on the crude lift unit, who requested the ability to speak with any potential industry that could be housed in the building. The amendment does not grant automatic approval to any industry, but it opens the door to a wider range of prospective businesses. A motion to approve the ordinance was made by Alderman McCoy, seconded by Alderman Smith and unanimously carried.

(A COPY OF THE ORDINANCE IS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF)

Agenda Item No. 7 was public hearing of an ordinance amending the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana zoning and development code by authorizing and regulating charitable raffles, bingo and keno within the corporate limits of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana; providing for local approval by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen; requiring compliance with the Louisiana charitable raffles, bingo and keno licensing law; establishing requirements for charitable gaming locations; prohibiting electronic or video gaming of any type to the extent permitted by State law; and providing for related matters. A motion to enter public hearing was made by Alderman Gardner, seconded by Alderman Betts and unanimously carried. The Mayor announced that we were now in public hearing if anyone wanted to speak. Jennifer Freeman with the Vidalia Women's Club appeared before the Board stating that the Women's Club is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit and spoke in favor of the ordinance to create a fundraising opportunity for charitable and community causes, such as the Miss Vidalia pageant. She emphasized that the proposal is specifically for non-electric charitable gaming and would not authorize electronic gaming. She also noted that the ordinance creates a controlled framework where both the organization and the gaming location must receive Town approval. Being no further comments from the public, the Mayor thanked the Club for their involvement within the community before asking for a motion to exit public hearing. A motion to exit public hearing was made by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman McCoy and unanimously carried.

Agenda Item No. 8 was Board discussion and vote to approve an ordinance amending the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana zoning and development code by authorizing and regulating charitable raffles, bingo and keno within the corporate limits of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana; providing for local approval by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen; requiring compliance with the Louisiana charitable raffles, bingo and keno licensing law; establishing requirements for charitable gaming locations; prohibiting electronic or video gaming of any type to the extent permitted by State law; and providing for related matters. There being no

discussion from the Board, Alderman Gardner made the motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Alderman Smith and unanimously carried. The Mayor proceeded to the next agenda item.

(A COPY OF THE ORDINANCE IS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF)

Agenda Item No. 9 was Board discussion and vote on determination and fixing of the amount of excess Hydroelectric Revenues to be distributed as rebates to the retail utility customers of the Town of Vidalia. The Mayor again explained the procedures to be followed for the Board to determine and fix the amount of excess Hydro Revenues to be distributed as rebates to the retail electric customers of the Town of Vidalia. They Mayor also stated that the approved rebate amount for this year is \$2.8 million and proposed that the Aldermen set the amount to be 50% which would be the same as last year. Following his explanation, there being no questions or comments, a motion to fix the amount of excess Hydroelectric Revenues to be distributed as rebates to the retail utility customers of the Town of Vidalia at the maximum of 50% was made by Alderman Gardner, seconded by Alderman Smith, and unanimously carried.

Agenda Item No. 10 was Board discussion and vote of approval of funding from excess Hydroelectric revenues for Town Projects at public hearings held August 18, 2026. The Mayor stated that he was only taking up time sensitive projects such as the Fall Festival, the Quarter Back Club, the Miracle League and the youth football program. He started with Graham Roberts and Stephen Dawkins who are members of the Quarter Back Club. Stephen Dawkins was present and went over his original proposal stating that the proposals have been narrowed down to two and were decreased by \$3,153.28. His first proposal with the decreases is \$71,089.67 which includes two mowers. Proposal two was the same ask without the mowers which totaled \$51,278.67. Additional items in his proposal included a hudl focus camera, coaching headsets, pad power blast blocking sled with wheels, five man blocking sled and a turf tank. Mr. Dawkins stated that he did receive an updated quote for the turf tank \$16,000 per year which includes the painting of the baseball, softball, soccer and football fields. The tank could also be utilized to stripe parking lots. A motion to approve proposal one with the additional change for the turf tank was made by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman McCoy and unanimously carried. The Miracle Challenger League was the next project with an ask of \$1 Million. The Mayor asked for clarity that the field will be used as a multi-use field for t-ball up to 8 yr olds. A motion to approve was made by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman McCoy and unanimously carried. The Mayor moved on to the next project which was the youth football program. Crystal Reyes asked for \$2,500 to help to buy equipment for a new youth football program. During discussion, it was stated that the Town currently has a football program and this would be a new additional program for the youth. Council members expressed a preference for having one stable league instead of two separate leagues. A motion to table was offered by Alderman McCoy, seconded by Alderman Gardner and unanimously carried. The next project for discussion was the Big River Fall Festival which takes place on the Riverfront during the Balloon Festival Weekend. The festival is free to the public, providing an affordable alternative for families. A motion to approve was made by Alderman Gardner, seconded by Alderman Smith and unanimously carried.

Agenda Item No. 11 was Mayor updates. The Mayor gave an update on D.A. Biglane Rd., stating that work has begun with concrete work beginning Monday. Warning signs will be placed to alert traffic to turn around as Hwy 31 to the bridge will be worked on first and the second half to begin shortly after.

Before adjourning, the Mayor stated that a special meeting will be scheduled for later in the month but the date is currently undetermined. Alderman Gardner asked why only four specific items were selected for tonight's agenda. The Mayor reiterated that he only brought to the Board the highly time-sensitive projects. Alderman Gardner noted that he had no say in selecting the four items but were not against them. Alderman Gardner also made mention of the minutes pertaining to Linda Bell's public comment. Being no further discussion, the Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn.

Agenda Item No. 12 was adjournment. The Mayor noting that there was no further agenda items, asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Gardner, seconded by Alderman Smith, and unanimously carried.

/s/ Piara Wilson_____/s/ Buz Craft_____
PIARA WILSON, MUNICIPAL CLERKBUZ CRAFT, MAYOR

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE VIDALIA, LOUISIANA ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT CODE BY ADDING CERTAIN LAND USES AND DEVELOPMENT TYPES

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 August 11, 2026; and

(2) After due notice of advertising of this proposed Ordinance in the Official Journal of this Board on the 12th day of August, 2026, and public hearing held by the Board on the 8th day of September, 2026, it is hereby ordained and adopted as Ordinance of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, that:

WHEREAS, to better serve the ever-changing needs of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, a new Code of Ordinances was adopted August 16, 2017, by Ordinance No. 673.

WHEREAS, in order to keep the Zoning and Development Code relevant and responsive to the changing needs of the Town of Vidalia, it is necessary to update the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, Zoning and Development Code so that the positive development of the Town may be continued and the health, safety, convenience, morals, and general welfare of the community may be promoted; and

WHEREAS, the Vidalia Planning and Zoning Commission have recommended to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen certain amendments to that Zoning and Development Code concerning adding certain language to the District Purpose Statements in Articles 3.5.1 and 3.5.10; adding certain use categories to the Table of Uses in Article 4; adding new use-specific conditions to Article 4.4; adding new definitions to Article 9. A copy of the Ordinance has been available for review at Town Hall since its introduction;

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, that the Vidalia, Louisiana, Zoning and Development Code is hereby amended as follows:

1. Amend the Purpose statements of the following districts by adding the underlined language shown. No existing purpose language is deleted.

Agricultural (A)
The District may also accommodate land-based renewable energy production and community-scale food cultivation compatible with its rural, open-space character.

Industrial (I)
The District is further intended to accommodate contemporary industrial, digital-infrastructure, energy, logistics, and port-related uses — including data centers, electric generating facilities, battery energy storage systems, port and marine terminal operations and their industrial customers, and advanced logistics facilities — that require substantial power, water, rail, marine, or connectivity infrastructure.

2.Add the following use categories to the Table of Uses with the district designations shown. Designation legend: P = permitted by right; C = permitted with conditions (administrative, no public hearing); PC = Planning Commission approval; E = special exception; – = not permitted.

Proposed Use Category (addition)	District Designation(s)
Solar energy system, utility-scale (solar farm)	A, E, I, C
Community garden / urban agriculture	A, RE, R10, R8, RMU, CMU, TC, NC, P
Electric vehicle charging station (principal use)	CMU, TC, NC, CC, I-P
Data center	I, C - CC, PC
Battery energy storage system (BESS)	I, C
Electric vehicle fleet / charging depot	I, P
Last-mile delivery / microfulfillment center	I, P - CC, PC
Electric generating facility (power plant — thermal, natural-gas, combined-cycle, or renewable)	I, P
Port-related / port-dependent industrial use (bulk and marine terminals, transloading, and port customers)	I, P

Notes. Accessory electric-vehicle charging serving an on-site principal use is permitted (P) in all districts as an accessory use. The CC designation for Data Center is optional, provided as a fallback for smaller edge/colocation facilities, and may be omitted at the City's discretion.

3.Add the following new use-specific condition sections. The Data Center use (designated "C") is approved administratively by the Zoning Administrator without public hearing, subject to satisfaction of these standards.

§ 4.4.[] Data Centers

A. Setback and buffer. A minimum one-hundred-foot (100') buffer yard shall be provided along any property line abutting a residential district or an existing residential use.

B. Height. Maximum height shall be as established for the underlying district, inclusive of roof-mounted cooling, ventilation, and HVAC equipment.

C. Noise. Operations shall not exceed sixty-five (65) dBA at any residential property line. A noise study certified by a professional acoustical engineer shall accompany the application.

D. Screening. All ground-mounted generators, substations, cooling equipment, and power-supply equipment shall be screened by a solid wall, fence, or landscaped barrier. Rooftop equipment shall be screened by a parapet wall or equipment penthouse.

E. Backup generation and fuel. Generator placement, fuel storage, and spill prevention shall comply with applicable state and federal standards. Where feasible, the facility shall operate as a synthetic minor air-emissions source.

F. Security and emergency contact. Perimeter fencing and twenty-four-hour emergency-contact signage at the primary access entrance shall be provided.

G. Utility coordination. Documentation of committed or available electric-power and water-service capacity shall accompany the application.

H. Decommissioning. An electronic-waste and decommissioning plan addressing removal and recycling of server infrastructure and batteries shall be submitted.

§ 4.4.[] Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS)

A. Setback and buffer. A minimum one-hundred-foot (100') buffer yard shall be provided along any property line abutting a residential district or use.

B. Fire safety. The system shall comply with NFPA 855 and the currently adopted fire code. A hazard-mitigation analysis and emergency response plan shall be submitted for review and approval by the fire authority having jurisdiction.

C. Screening. Enclosures shall be screened from adjacent residential districts by a wall, fence, or landscaping.

D. Signage. Hazard and twenty-four-hour emergency-contact signage shall be posted at the primary entrance.

E. Decommissioning. A decommissioning plan and, at the City's option, financial assurance for removal of the system shall be provided.

4. Add the following definitions in alphabetical order to Article 9.

Battery Energy Storage System (BESS). A system of one or more battery cells, together with associated inverters, controls, and enclosures, that stores electrical energy for later discharge to the electric grid or an on-site load. The term excludes energy storage that is integral to a permitted backup-power or vehicle-charging installation.

Data Center. A facility used primarily for the storage, management, processing, and transmission of digital data, housing computer servers, network equipment, and associated systems. A data center may include air handling, backup power generation, energy storage, water cooling and storage, utility substations, and related infrastructure supporting sustained operation.

Data Center Accessory Use. An ancillary use or structure secondary and incidental to a data center, including administrative offices, logistics, fiber-optic, storage, and security structures located on the same site as the principal data center use.

Electric Generating Facility (Power Plant). A facility, together with its associated equipment and structures, that generates electricity for delivery to the electric grid or to on-site or off-site loads, including thermal, natural-gas, combined-cycle, and renewable generating facilities. The term includes accessory fuel handling, cooling, water, and interconnection infrastructure.

Electric Vehicle Charging Station. A device or assembly of devices that supplies electrical energy for the charging of electric vehicles, whether as a principal use or as an accessory to another use.

Port-Related Industrial Use. An industrial, manufacturing, warehousing, distribution, transloading, or terminal use that depends upon or directly serves waterborne commerce at the Port of Vidalia, including bulk and break-bulk cargo terminals, marine terminals, and the industrial customers and tenants of the port.

Solar Energy System. A device or assembly that converts solar radiation to usable energy. A rooftop or accessory solar energy system serves on-site demand and is mounted on a structure or ground-mounted incidental to the principal use. A utility-scale solar energy system (solar farm) is a principal use generating electricity primarily for off-site consumption or sale.

The foregoing ordinance was read and considered as a whole, and the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Alderman Betts, Alderman Gardner, Alderman McCoy,
Alderman Smith
NAYS: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: Alderman Probst

WHEREUPON, the Mayor declared the foregoing Ordinance to be duly adopted this 8th day of September, 2026, to be effective immediately.

s/ Piara Wilson_____/s/ Buz Craft_____
PIARA WILSON, MUNICIPAL CLERKBUZ CRAFT, MAYOR

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF VIDALIA, LOUISIANA ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT CODE BY AUTHORIZING AND REGULATING CHARITABLE RAFFLES, BINGO, AND KENO WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF VIDALIA, LOUISIANA; PROVIDING FOR LOCAL APPROVAL BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN; REQUIRING COMPLIANCE WITH THE LOUISIANA CHARITABLE RAFFLES, BINGO AND KENO LICENSING LAW; ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS FOR CHARITABLE GAMING LOCATIONS; PROHIBITING ELECTRONIC OR VIDEO GAMING OF ANY TYPE TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY STATE LAW; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS.

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:

(3) The proposed Ordinance was previously introduced at the meeting of August 11, 2026; and

(4) After due notice of advertising of this proposed Ordinance in the Official Journal of this Board on the 12th day of August, 2026, and public hearing held by the Board on the 8th day of September, 2026, it is hereby ordained and adopted as Ordinance of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, that:

WHEREAS, to better serve the ever-changing needs of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, a new Code of Ordinances was adopted August 16, 2017, by Ordinance No. 673.

WHEREAS, in order to keep the Zoning and Development Code relevant and responsive to the changing needs of the Town of Vidalia, it is necessary to update the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, Zoning and Development Code so that the positive development of the Town may be continued and the health, safety, convenience, morals, and general welfare of the community may be promoted; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature has enacted the Charitable Raffles, Bingo and Keno Licensing Law, codified in La. R.S. 4:701 et seq.;

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 4:702 declares that the purpose of the Charitable Raffles, Bingo and Keno Licensing Law is, among other things, to ensure that the net proceeds of charitable games of chance are contributed to bona fide charitable causes and to prevent fraud and the infiltration of organized crime or professional gambling into charitable gaming;

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 4:703 establishes the definitions applicable to charitable gaming, including the definition of a "charitable organization";

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 4:705 establishes the Office of Charitable Gaming within the Louisiana Department of Revenue and provides for the issuance and renewal of state licenses for organizations conducting charitable games of chance, commercial lessors, and manufacturers and distributors of charitable gaming supplies and equipment;

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WHEREAS, La. R.S. 4:706(A) provides that the governing authority of each municipality shall decide whether charitable raffles, bingo, and keno shall be permitted within the limits of the municipality;

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 4:706(C)(1) provides that when a local governing authority elects to license and regulate charitable raffles, bingo, and keno within its jurisdiction, it may adopt rules, regulations, and ordinances governing charitable organizations and the conduct of authorized games of chance;)

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 4:706(C)(2) provides that no local governing authority shall issue a license to an organization unless that organization has first obtained a license from the Office of Charitable Gaming in accordance with state law;

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 4:706(C)(3) provides that no local governing authority may adopt an ordinance, rule, or regulation for operating a game of chance that conflicts with the provisions of the Charitable Raffles, Bingo and Keno Licensing Law;

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 4:707 authorizes the state Office of Charitable Gaming to license qualified charitable organizations to conduct raffles, bingo, and keno and further authorizes the governing authority of a municipality to license charitable organizations to conduct certain games of chance within the municipality;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vidalia desire to permit charitable raffles, traditional bingo, and keno within the corporate limits of the Town, subject to state licensing requirements and additional local approval and regulation;

WHEREAS, the Town of Vidalia desires to maintain local oversight of charitable gaming locations and organizations operating within the Town while ensuring that such activities remain compliant with Louisiana law;

WHEREAS, the Town of Vidalia desires, to the fullest extent permitted by Louisiana law, to prohibit electronic and video bingo within the Town and to limit charitable bingo conducted pursuant to this Ordinance to traditional, non-electronic bingo; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen find that permitting properly regulated charitable gaming may provide additional fundraising opportunities for qualified charitable, civic, religious, educational, and nonprofit organizations while maintaining appropriate local oversight;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, duly assembled, that the following provisions are hereby adopted:

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY

This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authority granted to municipalities under La. R.S. 4:706 and La. R.S. 4:707, together with all other applicable provisions of Louisiana law. The Town of Vidalia hereby elects to permit charitable raffles, bingo, and keno within the corporate limits of the Town, subject to this Ordinance and all applicable provisions of the Louisiana Charitable Raffles, Bingo and Keno Licensing Law, La. R.S. 4:701 et seq.

SECTION 2. AUTHORIZED CHARITABLE GAMES

Subject to the requirements of this Ordinance and applicable state law, qualified charitable organizations may conduct the following charitable games within the corporate limits of the Town of Vidalia: Charitable raffles;

Traditional bingo; and

Keno.

The games authorized by this Section shall be conducted only by organizations and at locations that have received all approvals and licenses required by the State of Louisiana and the Town of Vidalia.

The authorization granted by this Ordinance shall not be interpreted to authorize any game, device, activity, or method of operation prohibited by Louisiana law.

Statutory authority: La. R.S. 4:706(A), 4:706(C), and 4:707.

SECTION 3. QUALIFIED CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

Only organizations legally eligible to conduct charitable gaming under Louisiana law shall be eligible for approval under this Ordinance.

For purposes of determining eligibility, the Town shall rely upon the applicable definitions and requirements contained in La. R.S. 4:703 and the licensing provisions of La. R.S. 4:707 and 4:708 et seq

An organization shall maintain its eligibility and all required state licenses throughout the period in which it conducts charitable gaming within the Town.

Statutory authority: La. R.S. 4:703, 4:707, and 4:708 et seq.

SECTION 4. STATE LICENSE REQUIRED BEFORE LOCAL APPROVAL

No organization shall be approved or licensed by the Town of Vidalia to conduct charitable bingo, raffles, or keno unless the organization has first obtained all state licenses required by the Louisiana Office of Charitable Gaming.

The Town shall not issue a local charitable gaming license or approval to an organization that does not possess the applicable state license required by law.

The organization shall provide proof of its current state license with its application to the Town.

Statutory authority: La. R.S. 4:706(C)(2), 4:707(G), and 4:707(H).

SECTION 5. APPROVAL BY MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Each charitable organization seeking to conduct bingo, raffles, or keno within the corporate limits of Vidalia shall obtain approval from the Mayor and Board of

Aldermen before commencing charitable gaming activities.

Approval shall be granted by formal action of the Board of Aldermen.

The Board may establish reasonable application procedures and may require documentation demonstrating compliance with state and local requirements.

Approval shall identify:

The charitable organization;

The type or types of charitable games authorized;

The specific location or locations approved for charitable gaming; and

Any reasonable conditions imposed by the Board that are consistent with Louisiana law.

Statutory authority: La. R.S. 4:706(C)(1), which expressly authorizes local governing authorities to adopt rules, regulations, and ordinances governing charitable gaming.

SECTION 6. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

An organization applying for local approval shall provide, at a minimum:

The legal name of the organization;

The organization's principal business or mailing address;

Proof of current state charitable gaming licensure;

The organization's state charitable gaming license number;

The type of charitable gaming proposed;

The proposed location or locations;

The name and contact information of the person responsible for charitable gaming operations;

Documentation demonstrating that the proposed location complies with applicable state requirements;

Any required commercial lessor license information; and

Any other information reasonably necessary for the Town to determine compliance with this Ordinance and applicable law.

The Town may require updated documentation when an organization's state license is renewed or when the organization changes its approved location or type of gaming.

SECTION 7. CHARITABLE GAMING LOCATIONS

Every location at which charitable bingo, raffles, or keno is conducted within Vidalia shall comply with all applicable state licensing and regulatory requirements.

Where a commercial lessor is involved, the lessor shall comply with La. R.S. 4:719, including applicable state commercial lessor licensing requirements.

The Town shall not approve a location unless the location satisfies applicable state requirements and any applicable Town requirements concerning occupancy, fire safety, building requirements, zoning, or other lawful municipal requirements.

Approval of a location by the Town shall not constitute a determination that the location satisfies any requirement imposed by the State of Louisiana.

Statutory authority: La. R.S. 4:719 and other applicable provisions of Title 4 and state regulations.

SECTION 8. TRADITIONAL BINGO; PROHIBITION OF ELECTRONIC OR VIDEO BINGO

It shall be the policy of the Town of Vidalia that charitable bingo authorized under this Ordinance shall be conducted through traditional, non-electronic means.

To the fullest extent permitted by Louisiana law, electronic bingo, video bingo, electronic video bingo machines, and other electronic devices used to conduct bingo shall not be permitted at charitable gaming locations within the corporate limits of the Town of Vidalia.

No charitable organization approved under this Ordinance shall install, operate, maintain, or permit the operation of an electronic or video bingo machine or electronic bingo gaming device at an approved charitable gaming location unless such activity is expressly required or protected by applicable state law.

Nothing in this Section shall be interpreted to conflict with La. R.S. 4:706(C)(3) or any other provision of Louisiana law.

If state law is amended after adoption of this Ordinance in a manner affecting the Town's authority to prohibit or regulate electronic or video bingo, this Section shall be interpreted and enforced consistently with the amended state law.

Statutory authority: La. R.S. 4:706(C)(3) and 4:706(D), together with applicable provisions governing electronic video bingo.

SECTION 9. COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW AND REGULATIONS

All charitable gaming conducted within Vidalia shall comply with: La. R.S. 4:701 et seq.;

Rules and regulations adopted by the Louisiana Office of Charitable Gaming; All applicable state licensing requirements;

All applicable reporting and recordkeeping requirements;

All applicable requirements governing charitable gaming equipment and supplies; and

All other applicable federal, state, parish, and municipal laws

The state requirements governing charitable gaming shall apply in addition to the requirements of this Ordinance.

Where a provision of this Ordinance conflicts with mandatory state law, the state law shall control to the extent of the conflict, consistent with La. R.S. 4:706(C)(3).

SECTION 10. COMMERCIAL LESSOR

Any person or business leasing premises for charitable gaming shall comply with the applicable requirements of La. R.S. 4:719.

A commercial lessor shall obtain and maintain any state license required for the premises.

Any rental agreement shall comply with the limitations established by Louisiana law, including the requirement that rental payments be based upon reasonable market rental rates and not upon a percentage of charitable gaming receipts or profits.

Statutory authority: La. R.S. 4:719

SECTION 11. LOCAL APPROVAL DOES NOT REPLACE STATE LICENSURE

A local approval issued by the Town of Vidalia shall not replace, modify, or supersede any license, permit, approval, reporting obligation, or other requirement imposed by the State of Louisiana.

The Town's approval is supplemental to state licensing and shall remain contingent upon the organization maintaining all state licenses and complying with applicable state law.

Statutory authority: La. R.S. 4:706(C)(2), 4:707(G), and 4:707(H).

SECTION 12. SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LOCAL APPROVAL

The Town may suspend or revoke a local approval, after reasonable notice and an opportunity to be heard as required by applicable law, when an organization:

Loses, allows to expire, or has suspended or revoked its state charitable gaming license;

Violates this Ordinance;

Violates applicable state charitable gaming laws or regulations;

Conducts charitable gaming at an unapproved location;

Conducts a game not authorized by the Town;

Operates electronic or video bingo in violation of Section 8 of this Ordinance, to the extent permitted by state law;

Provides materially false or misleading information to the Town; or Otherwise violates a material condition of its local approval.

Nothing in this Section shall limit the independent enforcement authority of the Louisiana Office of Charitable Gaming.

SECTION 13. STATE ENFORCEMENT

The Town recognizes that the Louisiana Office of Charitable Gaming has statutory responsibilities concerning the licensing, monitoring, inspection, auditing, and enforcement of charitable gaming activities.

La. R.S. 4:705 authorizes the Office of Charitable Gaming to issue and renew state licenses and to monitor licensees through inspections, investigations, and audits.

The Town may cooperate with the Office of Charitable Gaming and other state or local law enforcement agencies concerning alleged violations of charitable gaming laws.

SECTION 14. RECORDS AND REPORTING

All organizations conducting charitable gaming within the Town shall maintain and provide records as required by Louisiana law and the rules and regulations of the Office of Charitable Gaming.

Nothing in this Ordinance shall relieve a charitable organization from any state reporting requirement.

The Town may require reasonable documentation necessary to verify that an organization continues to hold a valid state license and local approval.

SECTION 15. SEPARATE APPROVAL FOR EACH LOCATION

Local approval shall be specific to the charitable organization and the location identified in the approval.

An organization approved to conduct charitable gaming at one location shall not conduct charitable gaming at another location within the Town without obtaining additional approval from the Board of Aldermen.

Likewise, approval of a location for one charitable organization shall not automatically authorize another organization to conduct charitable gaming at that location.

SECTION 16. LOCAL FEES

The Town may establish reasonable administrative fees associated with the processing of local charitable gaming applications, inspections, or approvals, provided such fees are authorized by applicable Louisiana law.

Any fee schedule shall be established by ordinance, resolution, or other lawful action of the Town.

SECTION 17. SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or provision of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 18. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS

All ordinances, resolutions, or portions thereof previously adopted by the Town of Vidalia that conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 19. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption, publication, and completion of all procedures required by applicable Louisiana law and the Town of Vidalia's governing procedures.

SECTION 20. STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION

This Ordinance shall be construed in harmony with the Louisiana Charitable

Raffles, Bingo and Keno Licensing Law, La. R.S. 4:701 et seq.

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to grant authority to the Town, a charitable organization, commercial lessor, or any other person that is prohibited by Louisiana law.

If a provision of this Ordinance is determined to exceed the Town's authority under Louisiana law, that provision shall be limited to the maximum extent permitted by law without invalidating the remaining provisions.

The foregoing ordinance was read and considered as a whole, and the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Alderman Betts, Alderman Gardner, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Smith
NAYS: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: Alderman Probst

WHEREUPON, the Mayor declared the foregoing Ordinance to be duly adopted this 8th day of September, 2026, to be effective immediately.

s/ Piara Wilson s/ Buz Craft
PIARA WILSON, MUNICIPAL CLERK BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR

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NOTICE
Parcel No. 9400209940
Samuel M. Wilkinson or Estate

THIS NOTICE BY PUBLICATION IS NOTIFICATION THAT YOUR RIGHTS OR INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY LOCATED IN CONCORDIA PARISH, LOUISIANA MAY BE TERMINATED BY OPERATION OF LAW IF YOU DO NOT TAKE FURTHER ACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW:
Parcel# 9400209940 / Municipal Address: 525 Minorca Rd. Vidalia, LA 71373
Brief Legal: LOT 9, MINORCA RIVER LOTS; 40-565 338-435 334-796

Legal Description: Lot Nine (9) of Minorca River Lots, as shown on a plat recorded in Plat Book B, page 89, records of Concordia Parish, Louisiana.

Tax sale title to the above described property has been sold for failure to pay taxes. You have been identified as a person who may have an interest in this property.

Your interest in the property **will be terminated** if you do not redeem the property by making all required payments to the tax collector listed below or file a lawsuit in accordance with law within **sixty (60) days** of the date of the first publication of this notice, or the recording of an act transferring ownership, if later.

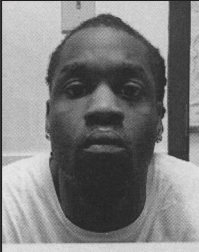
Concordia Parish Tax Collector
4001 Carter St. Room 6
Vidalia, LA 71373
j 318-336-5231

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NOTICE
I, CHARLES ANDERSON III, have been convicted of 14:43.1 SEXUAL BATTERY on Jan 25, 2019.

My address is 536 BELLE GROVE CIR, VIDALIA, LA 71373

Race: Black
Sex: Male
DOB: 02/28/1993
Height: 5'8"
Weight: 145
Hair Color: Black
Eye Color: Brown

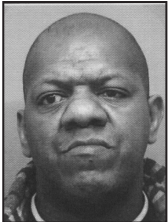


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NOTICE
I, JEFFERY WHITE, have been convicted of 14:81.2 MOLESTATION OF JUVENILE on Jun 15, 1989; 14:81.1 PORNOGRAPHY INVOLVING JUVENILES on Mar 04, 202

My address is 127 Morris Rd, Vidalia, La 71373

Race: Black
Sex: Male
DOB: 07/07/1958
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 215
Hair Color: Black
Eye Color: Brown



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NOTICE
I, JC THOMAS JR have been convicted of 14:81 INDECENT BEHAVIOR WITH JUVENILES on Feb 17, 1999.

My address is: 369 Crestview Dr. Ferriday LA 71334

Race White
Sex Male
DOB 03/20/1976
Height 5'6"
Weight 151
Hair Color Brown
Eye Color Brown



10/7,14

Public Notice Deadline
Noon on Friday.
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