



**Monique B. Boulet**  
*Mayor-President / Maire-Président*

April 17, 2026

Lafayette City Council  
*By and Through* Mr. Joseph Gordon Wiltz  
Lafayette Clerk of the Council

**RE: Disposition of Ordinance No. CO-025-2026**  
**Veto Message of Mayor-President Monique B. Boulet**

Dear Council Members,

On April 7, 2026, the Lafayette City Council voted 4-1 to adopt City Ordinance No. CO-025-2026, which authorized the Lafayette Mayor-President to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by and between the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government and the Downtown Development Authority for a Downtown Urban Core Redevelopment Plan.

This veto is issued with serious concern regarding the lack of thorough and competent legal review by the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government's legal counsel. Let this record reflect that ordinance CO-025-2026 advanced without sufficient legal analysis by the City-Parish Attorney, Robbie Mahtook.

A proper legal review is not a procedural formality—it is an essential duty to ensure that enacted laws are sound, defensible, and consistent with existing legal frameworks. When that duty is neglected, the resulting ordinance cannot be responsibly approved.

Additionally, the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement as written provides for unfettered authority to administer projects, programming, funding, and redevelopment work without the proper oversight of the Administration and Department's responsible for the City of Lafayette's infrastructure. Ultimately, the City of Lafayette is the governing authority of Downtown's infrastructure and should maintain continued oversight. Furthermore, this agreement authorizes the Downtown Development Authority to broaden its scope of work beyond the boundaries that are typically recognized as the downtown area.

For all of the aforementioned reasons, I have elected to veto City Ordinance No. CO-025-2026.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Monique B. Boulet".

Monique B. Boulet  
Lafayette Mayor-President