

PUBLIC NOTICE

ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT *PUBLIC HEARING*

THE ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL HEREBY GIVES **NOTICE THAT IT WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 18th, 2022, AT OLD CITY MARKET LOCATED AT 131 W. BELLEVUE STREET, OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA.**

THE HEARING IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING ANY AND ALL OBJECTIONS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOLLOWING:

5:15 p.m.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-006 (Sponsored by Councilman Coby Clavier)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION 44-3 TO ADD MCCLAIN GUILLORY LANE WITH A SPEED LIMIT OF 15 MPH

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT McClain Guillory Lane will be added to St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances Section 44-3 with a speed limit of 15 mph;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT all other provisions of St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances Section 44-3 shall remain unchanged and have the full effect of law;

5:30 p.m.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-007 (Sponsored by Councilman Jimmie Edwards)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION 44-3 TO DESIGNATE A SPEED LIMIT OF 30 MPH FOR ROZAS ROAD

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances Section 44-3 will be amended to designate a speed limit of 30 mph for Rozas Road;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY

PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT all other provisions of St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances Section 44-3 shall remain unchanged and have the full effect of law;

5:45 p.m.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-008
Revised Group Home
(Sponsored by Councilman Alvin Stelly)

Definition

Residential facility – Any place, facility or home operated by any person who receives therein four or more people who are not related to such person for supervision, care, lodging and maintenance with or without transfer of custody. This shall include but not be limited to group homes, community homes, maternity homes, juvenile detention centers, emergency shelters, halfway homes, addictive disorder facilities and facilities for the mental challenged.

Parish Permit Application for Residential Facility

In addition to meeting the requirements of state and federal laws and regulations and to better ensure that these requirements are met to commence, continue or otherwise engage in the operation of any type of residential facility as defined in Sections 1 in St. Landry Parish, each facility must request, obtain and maintain a permit from the St. Landry Parish Government office. An application must be completed and submitted to St. Landry Parish Government along with permit fees and required documentation which includes but is not limited to:

- Street address of facility
- Property description
- Mailing address
- Phone number
- Specific nature of facility
- Number of persons facility is seeking to house
- Description of how the facility will address its occupants health care needs
- Copies of appropriate federal and state licenses and/or permits
- Certification that the facility is fully handicap accessible
- Certification that the facility complies with all requirement of the Louisiana Fire Marshalls Office.

Once St. Landry Parish Government deems the application packet complete, the permit request will be forwarded to the St. Landry Parish Council for initial review and placement on the agenda of the next council meeting. Thereafter, the permit request shall be set for public hearing for final approval and issuance if the Council deems the requirements in this Ordinance, the St. Landry Parish Home Rule Charter, and the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances, have

been met.

Requirements

- a) Fencing – For facilities housing twenty (20) or more persons, fencing is required. Fencing shall consist of a chain link construction at least eight (8') in height, shall be completely lighted and shall have an open security zone of one-hundred (100') feet on each side of the fencing. No shrubs, trees, obstructions, or impediments to vision shall be located within this security zone. Lighting for the security fence and the security zone must be provided from dusk until dawn.
- b) Security – facilities housing twenty (20) or more persons are required to provide twenty-four (24) hour security services for the facility.
- c) Signage – If the facility houses any person convicted of sex offenses or violent crimes, a sign shall be posted at each entrance of the facility on a sign with at least a four (4') foot by six (6') foot surface with four (4") inch lettering as to notify and inform the public of this fact. Language to be displayed on the signage referring to convicted sex offenders and violent criminals must be pre-approved during the application process. This signage shall be in addition to any other signage required under state and federal law.
- d) Supervision – A supervisor must be on premises twenty-four (24) hours per day based on the number of people housed at the facility:

Supervisors on Premises	Number of Persons Housed
One (1)	One (1) to Twenty (20)
Two (2)	Twenty-one (21) to Forty (40)
Three (3)	Forty-one (41) to Sixty (60)

One additional supervisor who lives at the facility and works there as his/her full time occupation is required for each additional person, up to twenty (20) persons housed at the facility after sixty (60).

No supervisor shall have ever been convicted of a felony grade offense in any jurisdiction. An average of one (1) or more full- time live-in-staff person/ supervisor shall be on staff for each twenty (20) persons housed at the facility.

- e) Health Care Access- The facility shall provide its residents with regular access to health care providers.
- f) Handicap Access- The facility shall be fully handicap accessible and shall comply with all federal and state requirements for equal access to handicapped individuals.

- g) Clean and Sanitary Premises- The facility must maintain clean and sanitary conditions and shall be inspected and approved by Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Department of Public Health, prior to opening and on a regular basis thereof.
- h) Flood Zone Restriction- No facility can be constructed in a federally designated flood zone without first obtaining approval of the United States Corp of Engineers.
- i) General Liability Insurance Coverage- The facility must maintain general liability insurance coverage with an insurance company licensed to do business within the State of Louisiana in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000 per incident and \$5,000,000 in aggregate coverage.
- j) Criminal Activity Deterrence – The owner and operator must maintain the facility in such a manner as to curtail any criminal activity by persons housed at the facility.
- k) Centered on Property – If the facility will be newly constructed or if within reasonable means by renovation of existing property, the owner and operator of the facility shall house its occupants in center of the property where it is located.

Issuance of Permit

Prior to issuance of a permit hereunder, the St. Landry Parish Government shall first set a public hearing and in connection therewith publish a notice of the public hearing in its official journal. The public notice shall include:

- Municipal address of proposed facility
- Voting district of the proposed facility
- Date and time of hearing

Permits issued for Residential Facilities shall be for a period of five (5) years. Within six (6) months of the permit's expiration, a permit renewal must be sought by the owner of the facility. The renewal process shall be the same as the process for the original permit.

Grounds for Revocation of Permit

Any facility that fails to meet the requirements of this article shall have its permit revoked by St. Landry Parish Government. The permit holder shall be

provided notice of a public hearing at least ten (10) days in advance of such hearing. The notice shall clearly state the violations or requirements that the facility has failed to meet.

If any occupant of the facility is convicted of a criminal offense or there is a evidence that criminal activity has resulted and this criminal conduct or criminal activity has resulted due to a breach of the permit holder's duties and responsibility as provided in this article, then the facility is subject to have its permit revoked as outlined hereinabove in this section.

General Penalty for Violation of Code; Continuing Offenses

In addition to civil sanctions, as provided by law, any person, corporation, company, partnership or entity, who owns and/or operates a residential facility required to be permitted shall be guilty of a separate criminal offense for each day of operation and shall be subject to punishment.

BY ORDER OF ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
/s/Vivian Olivier, Chairwoman

Sherell Jordan, Council Clerk
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