

## ORDINANCE

### TO ADOPT A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE EAST BANK OF THE PARISH REGARDING SUBDIVISION OF PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the population of the Parish of Ascension is increasing; and due to the continued severe weather events that cause local flooding across Ascension Parish and in consideration of the health, safety, and welfare of the Ascension Parish citizens, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

THAT THERE IS HEREBY ENACTED A MORATORIUM on future subdivision of property, for nine months to further evaluate the following needs:

- \* Engineering Firm or Subject Matter Expert to review the Drainage Impact Study and make recommendations to Council for consideration.
- \* Engineering Firm or Subject Matter Expert to review drainage requirements for Family Partitions and make recommendations to Council for consideration.
- \* Planning Firm or Subject Matter Expert to consider reducing residential density across all zoning classifications – Parish Government will explore alternatives to determine development density by considering all factors that affect each piece of property (road width, flood zone, wetlands, servitudes and easements, etc.) and make recommendations to Council for consideration.
- \* Engineer/Architectural Firm or Subject Matter Expert to investigate alternative construction in flood zones and make recommendations to Council for consideration.
- \* Engineering Firm or Subject Matter Expert to determine feasibility of regional stormwater detention and make recommendations to Council for consideration.
- \* Engineering Firm or Subject Matter Expert to review Fill Ordinance (Drainage Ordinance) and make recommendations to Council for consideration.
- \* Administration shall conduct a Budget Review for Drainage and provide formal ordinances to Council within 6 months.
- \* Planning Commission will begin process of revising the Master Plan relevant to the completion of listed items above
- \* Revise the Unified Land Development Code to comply with the latest adopted Master Plan.

The Parish President and administration shall be required to provide monthly status updates on all aspects of the moratorium, including substantive answers to Citizen and Council questions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Ascension Parish Governing Authority, as of the effective date of this ordinance, nine month moratorium on any future subdivision of property to include all divisions of land that have not been submitted to the Planning Department by the effective date of this ordinance. This includes the acceptance, approval, and completion of pre-applications for the submissions for acceptance of any Preliminary Plat(s) for subdivision of property.

\*\* Subdivision of property shall mean any simple division, family partition, minor subdivision, or major subdivision. This shall exclude subdivision of property zoned light, medium, or heavy industrial.

SEVERABILITY: In the event that any portion of this ordinance is ever held invalid or unconstitutional for any reason by any court of competent jurisdiction over it, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the ordinance.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This ordinance shall be in full effect as permitted by law. This ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: Alvin Thomas, Travis Turner, Corey Orgeron, Dempsey Lambert, Chase Melancon, Aaron Lawler, Teri Casso, Dal Waguespack, John Cagnolatti

Nays: Joel Robert, Michael Mason

Not Voting: None

Absent: None

And this ordinance was passed on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.

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Secretary

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President