CITY OF COVINGTON
STATE OF LOUISIANA

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2025-22

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON ADOPTING THE 2026 OPERATING BUDGET AND THE FIVE YEAR CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET FOR THE YEARS 2026-2030 FOR THE CITY OF COVINGTON

WHEREAS, the City of Covington has prepared, in compliance with statutory law and the Covington Home Rule Charter, the Operating Budget for the year 2026 accounting for the expenditures of all reasonably anticipated revenues and providing for the payment of all statutory and necessary charges, time contract payments, and other reasonable expenditures for this municipality and incorporating all other requirements, including the Five Year Capital Improvement Program and Budget as set forth in Section 5-05 of the Covington Home Rule Charter; and

WHEREAS, it is now timely to adopt said Operating Budget and Five Year Capital Improvement Program and Budget, all as set forth in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part hereof, prior to the onset of the year 2026 and not later than the second to last regular meeting of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, all preliminary requirements for the adoption of the Operating Budget and Five Year Capital Improvement Program and Budget particularly including all those public hearings required prior to the adoption of the Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program and Budget have been complied with; and

WHEREAS, said ordinance having been introduced by the Administration of the City of Covington on the 9th day of September, 2025, notice of public hearings having been published, said public hearings having been held, title having been read and the ordinance considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, **BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Covington, in regular session convened that this 2026 Operating Budget and Five Year Capital Improvement Program and Budget shall become effective on January 1, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions herein which can be given effect without the invalid provision and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

WHEREUPON, this ordinance having been submitted in writing, having been read by title and adopted at a public meeting of the City Council of the City of Covington, State of Louisiana, was then submitted to an official vote as a whole, the vote thereon being as follows:

MOVED FOR ADOPTION, by Botsford, seconded by Bushnell.

YEAS: 7 **ABSENT: 0**

NAYS: 0 **ABSTAIN: 0**

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of November, 2025.

/s/_____
MARK W. VERRET
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

/s/_____
JOANN D. RUCKER
COUNCIL CLERK

Presented to the Mayor on this 5th day of November, 2025, 8:10 o'clock A.M.

/s/_____
JOANN D. RUCKER
COUNCIL CLERK

Approved _**X**_ or Vetoed ___ by the Mayor on this 5th day of November, 2025.

/s/_____
MARK R. JOHNSON
MAYOR

Received from the Mayor on this 5th day of November, 2025, at 2:00 o'clock P.M.

/s/_____
JOANN D. RUCKER
COUNCIL CLERK