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INTRODUCED BY BUSHNELL
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ADOPTION

INTRODUCTION

**CITY OF COVINGTON**
**STATE OF LOUISIANA**

# ORDINANCE NUMBER 2026-07

## AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF COVINGTON, THROUGH THE MAYOR, TO ACQUIRE A PARCEL OF PROPERTY IN SQUARE 22 OF THE DIVISION OF ST. JOHN FOR PUBLIC PARKING

**WHEREAS,** the City of Covington desires to acquire the property herein described in Division of St. John, City of Covington for public parking (the "Property"); and

**WHEREAS**, the property has been leased for public parking for many years and has become essential to the vibrant use of commercial properties on Florida Street and the surrounding area;

**WHEREAS,** there is a need and public purpose for the acquisition of the Property, which will guarantee the public parking at this vital location; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Covington desires to acquire the Property and authorizes the Mayor to take whatever steps are necessary to enter into negotiations for the acquisition of said Property and;

**WHEREAS,** the acquisition of the Property is in the best interest of the City;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Covington, at its regular session convened, that the City of Covington, through the Mayor, is authorized to acquire by purchase or otherwise the property more fully described as follows to wit:

> All That Certain Piece or Portion of Ground, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon, and all the rights, ways, means, privileges, servitudes, prescriptions, appurtenances and advantages thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining, situated in the State of Louisiana, Parish of St.

Tammany, City of Covington, in Square 22 of that portion thereof known as the Division of St. John, in the City of Covington more fully described as follows, to wit:

From the Northeast corner of the intersection formed by Florida Street and Gibson Street, run in a northerly direction along the East side of Florida Street a distance of 190.0 feet to the Point of Beginning.

From the Point of Beginning, continue to run in a northerly direction a distance of 50.0 feet to a point; thence run in an easterly direction on a line perpendicular to Florida Street, a distance of 120 feet to a point; thence run in a southerly direction on a line parallel with Florida Street, a distance of 50.0 feet; thence run westerly 120.0 feet on a line perpendicular with Florida Street to the Point of Beginning, all in accordance with the map and plat of survey by Robert A. Berlin dated November 13, 1967, revised January 14, 1970.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that pursuant to all applicable provisions of law, the Mayor is authorized to take all steps necessary to acquire said Property.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the Mayor is authorized to exercise his discretion in acquiring the Property, together with all agreements and all transactions necessary to carry out the intent of this ordinance.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that if purchased, the purchase price shall not exceed the fair market value of the property as evidenced by an appraisal, plus closing fees and costs.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that any and all actions previously taken by the Mayor in furtherance of the actions contemplated and authorized herein are ratified and accepted accordingly.

**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 Bushnell, seconded by Roberts.

**YEAS:** 6 **ABSENT:** 1

**NAYS:** 0 **ABSTAIN:** 0

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 3rd day of March, 2026

/s/ _____
MARK W.VERRET
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

/s/ _____
JOANN D. RUCKER
COUNCIL CLERK

Presented to the Mayor on this 4th day of March, 2026, at 9:30 o'clock A .M.

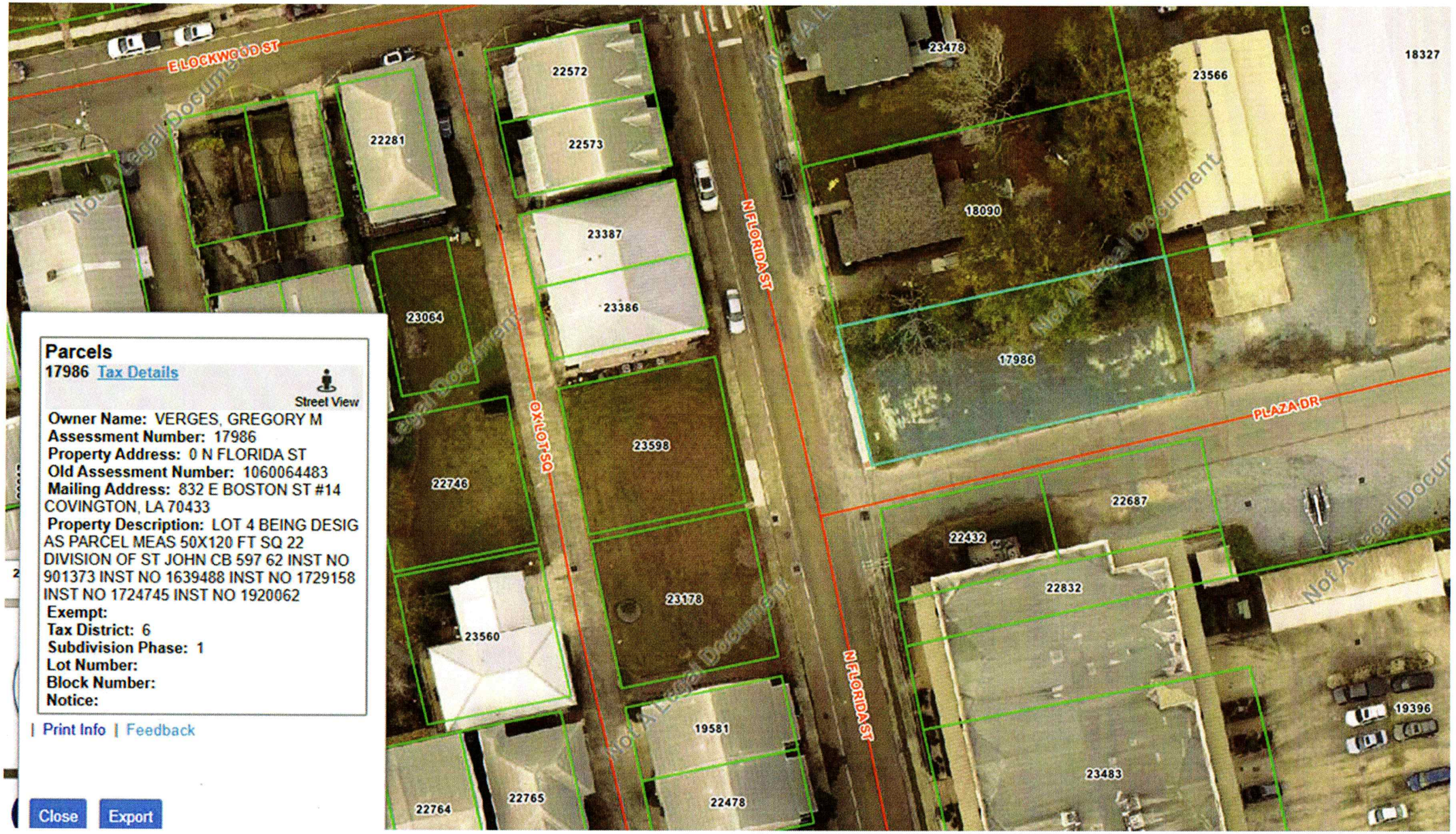
/s/ _____
JOANN D. RUCKER
COUNCIL CLERK

Approved ✓ or Vetoed ___ by the Mayor on this 4th day of March, 2026.

/s/ _____
MARK R. JOHNSON
MAYOR

Received from the Mayor on this 4th day of March, 2026, at 2:30 o'clock P .M.

/s/ _____
JOANN D. RUCKER
COUNCIL CLERK




**Parcels**

**17986** Tax Details

Street View

**Owner Name:** VERGES, GREGORY M
**Assessment Number:** 17986
**Property Address:** 0 N FLORIDA ST
**Old Assessment Number:** 1060064483
**Mailing Address:** 832 E BOSTON ST #14 COVINGTON, LA 70433
**Property Description:** LOT 4 BEING DESIG AS PARCEL MEAS 50X120 FT SQ 22 DIVISION OF ST JOHN CB 597 62 INST NO 901373 INST NO 1639488 INST NO 1729158 INST NO 1724745 INST NO 1920062
**Exempt:**
**Tax District:** 6
**Subdivision Phase:** 1
**Lot Number:**
**Block Number:**
**Notice:**

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