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ADOPTION

INTRODUCTION

CITY OF COVINGTON
STATE OF LOUISIANA

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2026-08

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF COVINGTON, THROUGH THE MAYOR, TO ACQUIRE LOT 15, SQUARE 14, DIVISION OF ST. JOHN FOR PUBLIC PARKING

WHEREAS, the City of Covington desires to acquire Lot 15, Square 14 of the 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 Lee Lane;

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 that portion thereof known as the Division of St. John, in the City of Covington, designated as Lot 15, Square 14, and more fully described according to a survey by John E. Bonneau & Associates, Inc. dated June 24, 1992, survey number 92722 annexed to instrument number 947718 of the records of St. Tammany Parish.

Said lot front 60 feet on the northerly right-of-way line of East Rutland Street, same within the rear, by depth of 120 feet on each sideline, between equal and parallel lines.

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 Verret, 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 RUCKER
COUNCIL CLERK

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WALKERS ALY
E RUTLAND ST
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Not A Legal Document
Assessment Number: 19501
Property Address: 812 E RUTLAND ST
Old Assessment Number: 1060082740
Mailing Address: 832 E BOSTON ST #14 COVINGTON, LA 70433
Property Description: LOT 15 SQ 14 DIVION OF ST JOHN LOT 15 FRT 60 E RUTLAND ST X 120 CB 266 132 358 215 CB 981 715 CB 1510 283 CB 1540 76 INST NO 1564110 INST NO 1612694 INST NO 1920062
Exempt:
Tax District: 6
Subdivision Phase: 1
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