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INTRODUCTION

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

# ORDINANCE NUMBER 2026-11

## AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF COVINGTON, THROUGH THE MAYOR, TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN PARCELS, RIGHTS OF WAY AND/OR SERVITUDES FOR THE COLUMBIA STREET ROUNDABOUTS PROJECT

**WHEREAS,** the City of Covington desires to acquire certain parcels, rights-of-way and/or servitudes as depicted and identified on the Right of Way maps and/or process verbal legal descriptions attached hereto (collectively, the "Property"); and

**WHEREAS,** there is a need and public purpose for the acquisition of the Property for the benefit of the Columbia Roundabouts Project, which will serve to improve traffic congestion and vehicle access at the intersection of North Columbia Street and North Jefferson Avenue and the intersection of North Columbia Street, West 30th Avenue and North Monroe Streets, 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, donation, or otherwise all or parts of the proposed parcels, rights-of-way and/or servitudes described and depicted on the Right of Way maps attached hereto (collectively, the "Property").

**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 Roberts, seconded by Inman.

**YEAS:** 6 **ABSENT:** 0

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

Councilman Verret is Acting Mayor and cannot vote.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 5th day of May, 2026

/s/
JOHN E. BOTSFORD
COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT

/s/
JOANN D. RUCKER
COUNCIL CLERK

Presented to the Mayor on this 5th day of May, 2026, at 6:31 o'clock P.M.

/s/
JOANN D. RUCKER
COUNCIL CLERK

Approved ✓ or Vetoed ___ by the Mayor on this 5th day of May, 2026.

/s/
MARK W. VERRET
ACTING MAYOR

Received from the Mayor on this 5th day of May, 2026, at 6:31 o'clock P.M.

/s/
JOANN D. RUCKER
COUNCIL CLERK