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ADOPTION

INTRODUCTION

CITY OF COVINGTON
STATE OF LOUISIANA

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2026-17

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON AMENDING THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS OF THE COVINGTON CODE OF ORDINANCES: CHAPTER 98 UTILITIES ARTICLE III. UTILITY SERVICES SEC. 98-91 DEFINITIONS; BASIC REQUIREMENTS

Whereas, the Covington Code of Ordinances Chapter 98, Section 98 - 91 sets forth regulations regarding required connection to the municipal sewer system; and

Whereas, Section 98 - 91 (d) provides that all discharges of domestic waste shall be made into the sanitary sewerage system, except when a public sewer line is not within 300 feet of the property line of the discharger; and

Whereas, situations have arisen where, although a sewer line is within 300 feet of the property line in question, various factors may result in the tie-in being impractical, unreasonable and/or financially unfeasible; and

Whereas the Covington Public Works Department requires flexibility in determining whether a tie-in should be waived under certain adverse conditions:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Covington, at its regular session convened, that the Covington Code of Ordinances Chapter 98 Utilities Article III Utility Services Sec. 98 – 91 Definitions; Basic Requirements, be amended by the addition of paragraph (b) (2) e. as follows:

Sec. 98-91.- Definitions; Basic Requirements.

(e) Waiver: A property owner may seek a waiver of the requirement that their property connect to the city sewer line. The request must be submitted in writing to the Department of Public Works with an explanation of the proposal, a justification for the request, and a plan (s) or schematics (s) of the proposed sewer treatment method. The request must receive approval of the

Department of Public Works, the City Engineer, and the Chief Building Official before the waiver is warranted. Factors to be considered include, but are not limited to, the topography of the property, the distance from the improvements on the property to the municipal sewer line and any other factors that would affect the reasonableness, feasibility and practicality of a sewer tie-in. In the event a waiver is granted, the property owner shall install a private sanitary sewerage system in compliance with all applicable municipal and state laws. The owner shall subsequently operate the system in compliance with all applicable municipal and state laws in perpetuity.

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 Bushnell

YEAS: 5 **ABSENT:** 2

NAYS: 0 **ABSTAIN:** 0

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of July, 2026.

/s/ _____
MARK W. VERRET
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

/s/ _____
JOANN D. RUCKER
COUNCIL CLERK

Presented to the Mayor on this 8th day of July, 2026, at 9:00 o'clock A.M.

/s/ _____
JOANN D. RUCKER
COUNCIL CLERK

Approved ✓ or Vetoed ___ by the Mayor on this 9th day of July, 2026.

/s/ _____
~~MARK R. JOHNSON~~ Erin Stair
~~MAYOR~~ Acting Mayor

Received from the Mayor on this 9th day of July, 2026, at 9:20 o'clock A.M.

/s/ _____
JOANN D. RUCKER
COUNCIL CLERK