

On motion of Ms. Van Vrancken, seconded by Mr. Walker, the following ordinance was offered:

SUMMARY NO. 26188 ORDINANCE NO. 26695

An ordinance requesting and authorizing the Planning Department and the Planning Advisory Board to study the text of Chapter 33 Unified Development Code, and Chapter 40 Zoning of the Code of Ordinances of Jefferson Parish, with the intent of evaluating and amending subdivision regulations and stormwater management requirements; imposing a moratorium on the subdivision of residentially zoned property located on the East Bank of unincorporated Jefferson Parish which involves more than five (5) acres and results in the creation of twenty (20) lots or more; and providing for related matters. (Parishwide)

WHEREAS, Jefferson Parish affirms it is a coastal community that must balance its stormwater management strategies to improve community resilience, and that a balanced approach combining green infrastructure with traditional drainage benefits Jefferson Parish's economy, environment, and society; and

WHEREAS, one of the actions proposed under the Jefferson Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan is an update to the stormwater management regulations governing development in the Parish; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 26577 adopted on March 15, 2023, the Jefferson Parish Council adopted the Jefferson Parish Green Infrastructure Plan as a Subplan of *Envision Jefferson 2040*, the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Parish Green Infrastructure Plan proposes a vision statement that Jefferson Parish residents are served by an exceptional state-of-the-art drainage system that uses pipes and pumps—and works with nature—to protect their property during flood events, advancing a sustainable approach to effectively reduce risk to people and property over time; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Parish Green Infrastructure Plan includes regulatory recommendations for residential development, including maximum lot coverage on residential lots and reduced size threshold for required stormwater runoff detention related to residential development; and

WHEREAS, since the Green Infrastructure Plan was adopted in March 15, 2023, numerous residents have voiced concerns regarding excess pavement and drainage in residential neighborhoods in Jefferson Parish; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 142202 adopted on June 14, 2023, this Council amended Resolution No. 132364, adopted on October 18, 2018, to establish interim development standards that, among other regulations, prohibit parking within the required front yard of single-family dwellings, with limited exemptions and prohibit single-family dwellings from having more than fifty percent (50%) of the front yard consist of hard surface paving, thereby requiring at least fifty percent (50%) of the front yard to be a soft permeable surface, such as grass, or supported by other soft green infrastructure features; and

WHEREAS, the East Bank is mostly built out and heavily paved resulting in a high level of surface impermeability which has attributed to nuisance street flooding in the past; and

WHEREAS, a moratorium is necessary to protect public health, safety, and welfare.

NOW THEREFORE, THE JEFFERSON PARISH COUNCIL HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. That the Planning Department and the Planning Advisory Board are hereby authorized to study the text of Chapter 33 Unified Development Code, and Chapter 40 Zoning of the Code of Ordinances of Jefferson Parish, with the intent of evaluating and amending subdivision regulations and stormwater management requirements; imposing a moratorium on the subdivision of residentially zoned property located on the East Bank of unincorporated Jefferson Parish which involves more than five (5) acres and results in the creation of twenty (20) lots or more; and providing for related matters.

SECTION 2. That a moratorium is hereby imposed on the subdivision of residentially zoned property located on the East Bank of unincorporated Jefferson Parish when that subdivision involves more than five (5) acres and results in the creation of twenty (20) lots or more during the study.


SECTION 3. The moratorium set forth in this resolution is in accordance with and by the authority of Sec. 33-2.21.5 of the Jefferson Parish Code of Ordinances, providing, in pertinent part, that when the Jefferson Parish Council initiates a study to prepare an amendment to the text or official maps of Chapter 33, Chapter, 40, or the Comprehensive Plan, and pending final disposition of the study, the Jefferson Parish Council may establish interim development standards that provide for reasonable approval conditions for certain types of development applications that would otherwise be affected by the study for one (1) year, which may be extended by the Jefferson Parish Council for not longer than one (1) six (6)-month period.

This ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: 7 NAYS: None ABSENT: None

This ordinance was declared to be adopted on the **8th day of November, 2023**, and shall become effective as follows: if signed forthwith by the Parish President, ten (10) days after adoption; thereafter, upon signature by the Parish President or, if not signed by the Parish President, upon expiration of the time for ordinances to be considered finally adopted without the signature of the Parish President, as provided in Section 2.07 of the Charter. If vetoed by the Parish President and subsequently approved by the Council, this ordinance shall become effective on the day of such approval.

THE FOREGOING IS CERTIFIED
TO BE A TRUE & CORRECT COPY


EULA A. LOPEZ
PARISH CLERK
JEFFERSON PARISH COUNCIL