

On motion of Mr. Templet, seconded by Mr. Walker, the following ordinance was offered:

**SUMMARY NO. 26082 ORDINANCE NO. 26577**

An ordinance to amend the text of Chapter 25 Planning and Development of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Jefferson to adopt the Jefferson Parish Green Infrastructure Plan as a subplan of the Comprehensive Plan, and provide for related matters; as authorized by Council Resolution No. 128317 adopted December 7, 2016. (Parishwide)

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution No. 127038, adopted on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016, the Jefferson Parish Council created the Jefferson Parish Stormwater Management Advisory Committee (JPSWMAC), in response to the 2013 Greater New Orleans Urban Water Plan, to advise the Council on amending the Code of Ordinances for the purposes of developing a sustainable Jefferson Parish, reducing urban runoff, mitigating the effects of new development, redevelopment, or infill development on the existing drainage system, providing for the conservation of water resources, reducing the urban heat island effect, enhancing the local micro-climate, increasing species biodiversity, reducing consumption of energy by proper placement of shade trees, and other goals; and

**WHEREAS**, after meeting three times, the JPSWMAC presented its recommendations to the Jefferson Parish Council in Resolution No. 128317, adopted the 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016, which included the finding that a focus on integrated stormwater management within Jefferson Parish was desirable so that issues related to stormwater management could be addressed comprehensively and collaboratively with other concerns; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of that resolution, the Jefferson Parish Council authorized the Planning Department and the Planning Advisory Board to conduct a text study with the intent of enhancing and creating standards and regulations that promote low-impact development and integrated stormwater management, and providing for related matters (Resolution No. 128317); and

**WHEREAS**, in 2016, the State of Louisiana Office Of Community Development Disaster Recovery Unit approved funding for an integrated stormwater management plan for Jefferson Parish from unallocated Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Gustav/Ike Disaster Recovery Dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution No. 133085, adopted on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019, the Jefferson Parish Council authorized the Purchasing Department to solicit Requests for Proposals for consulting services to prepare an integrated stormwater management plan with a direct relationship to Jefferson Parish's Comprehensive Plan, propose text amendments to the Code of Ordinances, prepare maps, memoranda, public outreach, data collection and analysis related to stormwater, soils, impervious cover, parking; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution No. 133899, adopted on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2019, the Jefferson Parish Council selected Volkert, Inc. to provide consulting services to prepare an integrated stormwater management plan under RFP No. 0395, approved an Agreement with Volkert, Inc. to prepare said integrated stormwater management plan for an amount not to exceed \$199,559.00 (Resolution No. 134670), and amended said Agreement to approve staffing changes requested by Volkert (Resolution No. 138646); and

**WHEREAS**, Volkert, Inc. and Meyer Engineering jointly submitted an integrated stormwater management plan that was later revised and completed by the Jefferson Parish Planning Department, which is hereby known as the Jefferson Parish Green Infrastructure Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, green infrastructure refers to the range of measures that use plant or soil systems, permeable pavement or other permeable surfaces or substrates, stormwater harvest, or landscaping to store, infiltrate, or evapotranspire stormwater and reduce flows to sewer systems or to surface waters; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jefferson Parish Green Infrastructure Plan supports goals advancing green infrastructure and low impact development (LID), explains

hazards, highlights case studies within Jefferson Parish and elsewhere, establishes recommendations and next steps, and functions as an educational tool by presenting appropriate green infrastructure solutions for Jefferson Parish to reduce nuisance flooding and prolong the existing drainage system; 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**, recommendations from the Jefferson Parish Green Infrastructure Plan are organized into three categories including “Day-to-Day Operations,” which describes policies to integrate green infrastructure into operational processes in Jefferson Parish, “Regulatory Framework,” which identifies recommended text amendments to the Code of Ordinances, and “Funding and Next Steps,” which includes recommendations to improve project planning, establish sustainable funding and incentive structures, support the competitiveness of project designs; and

**WHEREAS**, no specific amendments to the development regulations in Chapter 33 Unified Development Code and 40 Zoning of the Jefferson Parish Code of Ordinances are being proposed in this ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, these recommendations are relevant for Jefferson Parish because they outline how the Jefferson Parish Council and Administration can competitively pursue recently-approved capital programs, including those at the federal level, to fund and support green infrastructure initiatives; and

**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**, adoption by the Jefferson Parish Council demonstrates commitment to achieving the recommendations of the JPSWMAC as outlined in Resolution No. 128317; and

**WHEREAS**, adoption of the Jefferson Parish Green Infrastructure Plan promotes the health, safety, and general welfare of Jefferson Parish residents and directly supports the goals and objectives of *Envision Jefferson 2040*, the approved Comprehensive Plan of the Parish, specifically Goal 10, Objective 3 of the Land Use Element to “encourage integrated storm water management, green infrastructure, and other low-impact development techniques to minimize flooding and mitigate impacts of climate”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parish Council adopted Resolution No.137226 on March 17, 2021, which approved the Jefferson EDGE 2025 economic development strategic plan dated February 2021 as the overall five-year economic development strategic plan for Jefferson Parish; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parish Council adopted Ordinance No. 26232 on June 30, 2021, which amended Lafreniere Sub Plan, particularly necessary amendments in Section 3, the revitalization and redevelopment plan and Section 4, implementation strategies and policy recommendations and actions; and

**WHEREAS**, although formally a part of the Comprehensive Plan, the references for Resolution No. 137226 and Ordinance No. 26232 were not added to Chapter 25; and

**WHEREAS** the missing resolution reference for EDGE 2025 and ordinance reference for the Lafreniere Sub Plan amendments should be added to Chapter 25 as a related housekeeping matter with this study; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Director of this Parish has caused to be duly advertised, as prescribed by law, a public hearing in connection with the text amendment under Docket No. TXT-1-23; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was held by the Planning Advisory Board, in accordance with law.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE JEFFERSON PARISH COUNCIL HEREBY ORDAINS:**

**SECTION 1.** That Chapter 25 Planning and Development, Sec. Sec. 25-106. Plan specifications, generally, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 25-106. Plan specifications, generally.**

In furtherance of the Parish Charter, the Plan shall include the following components:

(1) *Elements.*

- a. Land Use and the Future Land Use Map;
- b. Housing and the following subplans:
  1. *Consolidated Plan for the Jefferson HOME Consortium* and related Action Plans, which the Parish Council adopted on June 4, 2003 by Resolution No. 98638, on May 21, 2008 by Ordinance No. 22493, on June 26, 2013 by Resolution No. 121180, and on June 6, 2018 by Resolution No. 131624, and as subsequently amended; and
  2. *Housing Stock Enhancement Strategic Plan*, as set forth in the Jefferson EDGE, prepared by the Jefferson Parish Economic Development Commission (JEDCO), January 19, 2017;
- c. Transportation and the following subplans:
  1. *Thoroughfare Plan*, which the Parish Council adopted on December 13, 2006 by Ordinance No. 22933, and as subsequently amended;
  2. *Bicycle Master Plan*, which the Parish Council adopted on April 30, 2014 by Ordinance No. 24734, and as subsequently amended; and
  3. *Public Transit Strategic Plan*, which the Parish Council adopted on November 6, 2019 by Ordinance No. 25891, and as subsequently amended;
- d. Community Facilities & Open Space;
- e. Natural Hazards & Resources and the following subplan:
  1. Jefferson Parish *Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan*, which the Parish Council adopted on May 25, 2005 by Resolution No. 103529, on January 13, 2010 by Resolution No. 113811, and on April 29, 2015 by Resolution No. 124846, and as subsequently amended; and
  2. Integrated Stormwater Management and the following subplan: Jefferson Parish *Green Infrastructure Plan*, which the Parish Council adopted on [MONTH] [DAY], 2023 by Ordinance No. [INSERT ORDINANCE NO.], and as subsequently amended.
- f. Economic Development and the following subplan: *Jefferson EDGE*, prepared by JEDCO and adopted by the Parish Council on May 17, 2000 by Resolution No. 91590, on November 16, 2005 by Resolution No. 104400, on August 12, 2009 by Resolution No. 112894, on August 26, 2015 by Resolution No. 125550, and on March 17, 2021 by Resolution No. 137226, and as subsequently amended.

(2) *Implementation Tasks.*

(3) *Subarea plans.* The following subarea plans are hereby made a part of this Plan:

- a. *Metairie CBD Land Use and Transportation Plan*, which the Parish Council adopted on February 29, 2004 by Ordinance No. 21987, and as subsequently amended;
- b. *Fat City Redevelopment Strategic Implementation Plan*, which the Parish Council adopted on September 2, 2009 by Ordinance No. 23627, and as subsequently amended;

- c. *Bucktown Neighborhood Plan*, which the Parish Council adopted on February 7, 2007 by Ordinance No. 22984, and as subsequently amended; and
  - d. *Fairfield Strategic Plan*, which the Parish Council adopted on October 7, 2015 by Ordinance No. 25020, and as subsequently amended.
  - e. *Lafreniere Sub Area Plan*, which the Parish Council adopted on November 6, 2019 by Ordinance No. 25891, amended on June 30, 2021 by Ordinance No. 26232, and as subsequently amended.
  - f. *Terrytown Neighborhood Revitalization Study Strategic Plan*, which the Parish Council adopted on December 18, 2019 by Ordinance No. 25916, and as subsequently amended.
- (4) *Appendices*, including but not limited to:
- a. Community Profile;
  - b. Opportunities & Constraints; and
  - c. Implementation Progress.


**SECTION 2.** That the Municipal Code Corporation is hereby authorized and directed to correct any cross-references within the code that are affected by the renumbering of sections or subparagraphs via this ordinance.

The foregoing 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 **15<sup>th</sup> day of March 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 of 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