

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF  
THE ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL OF THE  
PARISH OF ST. MARY, STATE OF LOUISIANA

MARCH 11, 2026  
FRANKLIN, LOUISIANA  
6:00 P.M.

The St. Mary Parish Council met on this date in Regular Session with Chairperson Gwendolyn L. Hidalgo presiding and the following members present: Rev. Craig Mathews, J Ina, Rodney Olander, David W. Hill, Patrick Hebert, James “Jimmy” Davis, Jr., Mark Duhon, Dean Adams, and Kristi Prejeant Rink, M.D. Absent was Leslie “Les” Rulf, Jr.

The Invocation was pronounced by Dr. Rink and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Adams.

Mrs. Hidalgo recognized Mayor Duval Arthur, City of Berwick, St. Mary Parish Assessor Jarod Longman, and Sheriff Gary Driskell in attendance.

Mr. Olander moved that the reading of the Second Regular Meeting, February 25, 2026 be dispensed with and that the same be approved. Mr. Adams seconded the motion, which carried.

Mrs. Hidalgo moved up Item 14A, “Resolution of respect in memory of Mr. Thomas “Tommy” Keith Longman.”

Mr. Adams moved to adopt the following Resolution. The Council seconded the motion, which carried by the following 10-0-0-1 Roll Call vote:

YEAS: Mathews, Ina, Olander, Hill, Hebert, Davis, Duhon, Adams, Rink, and Hidalgo

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Rulf

**RESOLUTION OF RESPECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Lord Almighty in His Infinite mercy and goodness has seen fit to remove from our midst, Thomas “Tommy” Keith Longman, father of St. Mary Parish Assessor, Jarrod Longman, and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Longman was a longtime resident of Morgan City, a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather, who cherished spending time with family, and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Longman dedicated over 30 years to local law enforcement, served as a volunteer firefighter with the Morgan City Volunteer Fire Department for many years, served as Dispatcher, Patrolman, Detective, and Undercover Narcotics Agent for St. Mary Parish Sheriff’s Office, and Inspector overseeing the Morgan City Sheriff’s Office until retirement, and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Longman also worked as an Investigator and Community Liaison with the District Attorney’s Office of the 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, earned numerous certifications throughout his career including DEA and FBI training on narcotics, intelligence, surveillance, was an instructor for many enforcement classes, and believed in the importance of ethics and performing job duties the right way, and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Longman was a longtime member of Doric Lodge #87 F.&A.M. in Morgan City and was active in local politics, running many successful campaigns, including electing his son to both the Morgan City Council and St. Mary Parish’s Assessor, and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the St. Mary Parish Council wish to acknowledge publicly their sorrow and sympathy to the family of Mr. Longman and hopes that his family will find comfort in the thought that their grief and sorrow are shared by their friends.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the St. Mary Parish Council through the unanimous adoption of this resolution that they solemnly deliberate with sincere condolences, sympathy, and understanding during this time of grief.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** by the St. Mary Parish Council in regular session convened on this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026.

**APPROVED:**

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**GWENDOLYN L. HIDALGO CHAIRPERSON  
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

**ATTEST:**

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**LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK  
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

Tim Matte with Pitts & Matte, CPA’s appeared before the Council with an update on the 2024 audit report. He submitted and expounded on the Reporting Entity Financial Statements Excerpts from the Annual Financial Statements Agreed Upon Procedures Report and Primary Government Financial Statements and Reporting Entity Financial Statements to the Council for the Year Ended December 31, 2024.

In response to Several Council Members’ inquiries, Mr. Matte expounded on Revenue & Expenditures, General Fund Balance, Accounts Payable, road repair bonds, long term debt, and debt service funds.

Janet Aucoin, Amelia resident appeared before the Council to discuss animal control and public safety matters. She stated that her concern is that the proposed ordinance relative to prohibiting feeding of stray cats and dogs within the unincorporated areas of St. Mary Parish lack enforcement procedures, standards and restrictions, and clarification of the language, specifically Section 2 – Exceptions for veterinarians and persons acting within scope of their employment with any governmental entity, non-profit, or humane society which have custody of or manages stray dogs and cats are not subject to the prohibitions of this section. She suggested establishing a clear enforcement protocol for animal control in the Sheriff’s Department, create a defined complaint process to report nuisance animals and obtain recourse, clarify responsibilities for those who regularly feed stray animals, improve definitions of feeding strays, and implement standards for organizations participating in stray animal management.

Several Council Members discussed the Sheriff’s Department responsibility to enforce the ordinance and possibly amending Section 2 of the proposed ordinance.

Lester Wheeler and Maureen Joseph appeared before the Council to give an update on the Singleton Heirs ability to access the ferry and the Southeast Quarter of Avoca Island. They submitted a list of Singleton Heirs that were arrested, dating back to 1999 and also submitted a picture of a no trespassing sign by the St. Mary Levee District that is on their property.

Mrs. Joseph informed that since the last Council Meeting, the heirs were able to use the ferry. Her concern is that the public road is overgrown with trees hindering access to the property and that a recent construction staging site is on the property.

St. Mary Parish Sheriff Gary Driskell stated that records show that it was a civil matter in 2013. He presented Google Maps and the Assessor's website map that indicates the Singleton's property and Avoca, LLC property.

Lengthy discussion was had relative to property ownership, denial of access, arrests, construction equipment, and the public road maintenance. The Council suggested that the property ownership issue is a civil matter. Mr. Governale stated that he will research the issue with the public road.

Hope Jones with Mary Bird Perkins Center appeared before the Council to inform of a Prostrate, Breast, Colon, Skin, and Blood Pressure Screening Event to be held on March 19, 2026 at Raintree Market in Baldwin from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. She stated that mammograms will be billed to insurance. However, there is no charge for those without insurance.

Kaitlyn Rock, Julie Rock, and Bryan Rock appeared before the Council to discuss their Specific Use request to allow chickens and a rooster on their property. Kaitlyn Rock stated that they thought the request was approved by the Council at their January 14, 2026 meeting. Julie Rock presented a letter of recommendation for the Specific Use from the Planning & Zoning Department stating the Council approved the Specific Use request to allow for chickens and a rooster and introduced an ordinance pertaining to the above property at their January 14, 2026 meeting. In response to the neighbors complaint, she stated that her yard does not drain into the neighbors yard and the smell is from her dog.

Clerk of the Council, Lisa Morgan, stated that Mrs. LeBlanc did not know the Council would table the adoption of the ordinance at their January 14, 2026 meeting. She explained the Specific Use/Ordinance process once it is recommended to the Council.

Tina Rainey, Bayou Vista resident, appeared before the Council in opposition to a Specific Use for Bryan Rock to allow chickens and a rooster in an Existing Neighborhood Zoned District. She stated that she resides directly behind Mr. Rock. She stated her concerns are the rooster crowing, the foul smell, health risks, and property value. She requested that steps be taken to enforce the existing ordinance.

Mr. Olander requested to move up Item 13B, **“FOR ADOPTION - An Ordinance in compliance with Ordinance No. 1973, DIVISION 5.4 General Procedures for Public Hearings, Section 5.4.3 Specific Use Permits granting a Specific Use. (Bryan Rock)”**

After discussion, Mr. Olander moved to adopt Item 13B to include an amendment to only allow chickens on the property. Mr. Hill seconded the motion.

Kaitlyn Rock stated their Specific Use permit is to allow for chickens and a rooster. Julie Rock explained that she needs the rooster in order to sell pickled eggs and pepper jelly.

After further discussion, Mr. Olander withdrew his motion to only allow for chickens. Mr. Hill withdrew his second.

Mr. Olander moved to adopt the following Ordinance. Mr. Hill seconded the motion, which carried by the following 8-2-0-1 Roll Call vote:

YEAS: Ina, Olander, Hill, Hebert, Davis, Duhon, Rink, and Mathews

NAYS: Adams and Hidalgo

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Rulf

**ORDINANCE NO. 2426**

An Ordinance in compliance with Ordinance No. 1973, DIVISION 5.4 General Procedures for Public Hearings, Section 5.4.3 Specific Use Permits granting a Specific Use.

**WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2014, the St. Mary Parish Council adopted Ordinance No. 1973 – St. Mary Parish Unified Development Code, and

**WHEREAS**, DIVISION 5.4 General Procedures for Public Hearings, Section 5.4.3 Specific Use Permits provides a process for the granting of a specific use, and

**THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana:

**SECTION I** - That certain tract of land described in Exhibit “A” is hereby approved and granted a specific use to allow for Livestock (chickens and a rooster) in an Existing Neighborhood (EN2) Zoned District.

This ordinance shall become effective and be in full force upon publication in the official journal of the Parish.

This ordinance having been offered and read on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026; having been published in accordance with law; having been heard in a public hearing held at Franklin, Louisiana on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026; was adopted.

**APPROVED:**

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**GWENDOLYN L. HIDALGO, CHAIRPERSON  
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

**ATTEST:**

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**LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK  
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

This Ordinance was submitted to the President of St. Mary Parish on this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026 at the hour of 12:59 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

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**SAM JONES, PRESIDENT  
ST. MARY PARISH**

This Ordinance was returned to the Clerk of the Council on this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026 at the hour 2:02 p.m.

**Name: Bryan Rock**

**Address: 136 Mercury Rd., Bayou Vista, LA**

**Parcel Id# 2984301055.00 – Lot 12-L Clarke Bayou Vista Subd Acq 136 297169**

**Currently Zoned: \Existing Neighborhood (EN2) Zoned District**

**Specific Use Purpose: to allow for Livestock (chickens and a rooster) in an Existing Neighborhood (EN2) Zoned District.**

Renee' Dupre, Assurance Financial Manufactured Home Lender, appeared before the Council in support of a Rezoning request for Karin Bertrand located at 10906 Highway 182, Franklin. She stated that she is representing the homeowner, Courtney Payton, who was denied by the Planning & Zoning Department. She explained the difference between a double wide mobile home and a manufactured home. She expounded on the set up requirements of a manufactured home, inspection requirements required by FHA/HUD guidelines, and depreciation of neighboring properties.

Per several Council Members' inquiries, Planning & Zoning Director, Mandi LeBlanc stated that the property is zoned Single Family, which does not allow for a manufactured home. She stated that South Central Planning Commission could explain the differences in the building construction of a manufactured home versus a modular home. She also stated that one neighbor appeared in opposition, the Planning & Zoning Commission unanimously voted to deny the request, and that spot zoning is usually not done.

Courtney Payton appeared before the Council to inform that she is trying to purchase the property to place the manufactured home on to reside in. She stated that two manufactured homes are located down the road and Ms. Dupre stated that they are allowed on that property.

Discussion was had relative to deed restrictions, zoning restrictions, depreciation of property value, Unified Development Code requirements, HUD Standards, and International Building Code requirements.

Mr. Adams moved to table the rezone request for Karin Bertrand located at 10906 Highway 182, Franklin. The motion failed, due to lack of a second.

Mayor Duval Arthur, City of Berwick, appeared before the Council to discuss an ordinance prohibiting the feeding of stray cats and dogs. He stated that this is a parish wide problem and suggested the Council and all municipalities work together to adopt the same ordinance.

Parish President, Sam Jones recognized EBP Community Boxing founder, Efremzimbalist Randle and several members in attendance. Mr. Randle informed of a boxing event to be held on March 14, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Foulcard Center located on Willow Street in Franklin.

Planning & Zoning Director, Mandi LeBlanc, presented the following items as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission at their February 23, 2026, Regular Meeting:

**a. Recommend Preliminary & Final Subdivision/Development Approval**

Name: Beverly Rentrop  
5248 Hwy. 182 W., Patterson, LA 70392

Address: 5262 Hwy. 182, Patterson, LA

Parcel Id#: 2684361005.00. 2.06 Ac Por 3.59 Ac Being Rem No. 1 Clarfa & Anthony Boudreaux Part Per Plat 7q 81957 Situated in Sec 54 T15S R11E Acq. 22F 181030 & Parcel Id#

2684341002.00, Sec.55 T15S R11E; 1.53 Ac Por 3.59 Ac Being Rem No. 1 Clarfa & Anthony Boudreaux Part Per Plat 7q 81957. Situated in Sec. 55 T15S R11E; Acq. 22F 181030.

Zoned: Agricultural (AG) & Single Family Residential (SR) Zoned Districts

PURPOSE: Preliminary & Final Approval for the above referenced as shown on a plat titled “Showing a portion of the Clarfa & Anthony Boudreaux Subdivision as per COB 7Q, Entry No. 81,957 being property of Beverly B. Rentrop, et al. To be re-subdivided into Lots 1A, 1B, 1C, & 1D situated in: Sections 54 & 55, T 15 S – R 12 E St. Mary Parish, Louisiana Southwestern Land District” as surveyed by Miller Engineer & Associates, Inc. Engineering & Land Surveyors 601 Main St. Franklin, Louisiana 70538, dated January 16, 2026. DWG. No. 15271.

Rev. Mathews recommends the above Preliminary & Final Subdivision/Development. Mr. Hebert seconded the motion, which carried.

**b. Recommend Specific Use**

Name: 4C Christian Committing  
The Community to Christ  
Address: 1560 & 1564 Cypremort Rd., Franklin, LA

Parcel Id#: 1814901090.00 - Lot 2 Lockett Subd. per Plat 44A 273250 Acq. Inc. 69 10766, Parcel Id#: 1814901055.00 - Lot 3 Lockett Subd. per Plat 374 330929, Acq. 374 330930, and 1564 Cypremort Rd., Jeanerette, LA 70544, & Parcel Id#: 1814901089.00 - Lot 1 Lockett Subd. per Plat 44A 273250; Acq. 216 308287

Currently Zoned: Existing Neighborhood (EN2) Zoned District

Specific Use Purpose: for an existing Church and Accessory Facilities.

Rev. Mathews recommends the above Specific Use Approval. Mr. Hebert seconded the motion, which carried.

**c. Preliminary Subdivision/Development Approval**

Name: Rivers Patout  
611 Irish Bend Rd., Franklin, LA 70538

Address: Hwy. 317, Franklin, LA 70538

Parcel Id #: 2354364054.00. 83.25 Ac Por 1400.00 Ac Tract Maryland Pltn BD above by a Carlin - below by W Garrett being situated in Sec. 51 T15S R10E; Acq. 25z 200591; Improvement on the Land of Maryland Company, LLC the Acq. 25Z 200591

Zoned: Agricultural (AG) Zoned District

PURPOSE: Preliminary Approval for the above referenced as shown on a plat titled “Plan of Land showing property of The Maryland Company II, LLC as per COB 25Z, Entry No. 2000,591 to be subdivided in Tracts “ABCDEA” & “FGHIJF” and to be acquired by Martha Anne H. Foster Situated in: Sections 51, T 15 S R 10 E., St. Mary Parish, Louisiana Southwestern Land District” as surveyed by Francis Fortier 3091 Highway 104, Opelousas,, Louisiana 70570, dated February 3, 2026.

Mr. Hebert recommends the above Preliminary & Final Subdivision/Development. Mr. Hill seconded the motion, which carried.

**d. Recommend Rezoning**

Name: St. Mary Parish Government for Columbus Ave.  
Address: Columbus Ave., Bayou Vista, LA

Parcel Id#: 1204 Columbus Ave., Morgan City, LA 70380, - Sec 14 T16S R12E; - Parcel Id#: 3014301091.00 - Lot 20 Bayou Vista Park Subd. Blk 11 Acq. 359 328658; 1210 Columbus Ave., Morgan City, LA 70380, - Parcel Id#: 3014301092.00 - Lot Tract B-C-H-A-B Per plat 14L 130632 Being The Remainder Of Lot 19 Bayou Vista Park, Blk 11, Acq. 458 344150; 1208 Columbus Ave., Morgan City, LA 70380, - Parcel Id#: 3014301093.00 - Lot East 30 Ft. No. 19 Bayou Vista Park Subd., Blk 11 Being Por Tract CDGHC Per plat 14L 130632, Acq. 469 345773, - Parcel Id#: 3014301094.00 - Lot West 35 Ft No 18 Bayou Vista Park, Subd. Blk 11 Being Por Tract CDGHC per Plat 14L 130632, Acq. 469 345773; 1220 Columbus Ave., Morgan City, LA 70380, - Parcel Id#: 3014301095.00 - Lot East 40 Ft No 18, Bayou Vista Park Subd., Blk 11 Acq. 453 343240, - Parcel Id#: 3014301096.00 - Lot West 25 Ft., No. 17, Bayou Vista Park Subd., Blk 11, Acq. 453 343240; 1224 Columbus Ave., Morgan City, LA 70380, Parcel Id#: 3014301097.00 - Lot East 50 Ft No 17 Bayou Vista Park Subd., Blk 11, Acq. 42X 268179, - Parcel Id#: 3014301098.00 - Lot West 15 Ft., No. 16, Bayou Vista Park Subd., Blk. 11, Acq. 42X 268179; 1230 Columbus Ave., Morgan City, LA 70380, Parcel Id#: 3014301099.00 - Lot East 60 Ft. ,No. 16 Bayou Vista Park Subd., Blk. 11, Acq. 44H 274231 Improvement On The Land Of Beadle Michael Paul, Acq. 44H 274231, - Parcel Id#: 3014301100.00 - Lot West 5 Ft. No. 15 Bayou Vista Park Subd., Blk. 11, Acq. 44H 274231; 1236 Columbus Ave., Morgan City, LA 70380, - Parcel Id#: 3014301101.00 - Lot Center 65 Ft. No. 15 Bayou Vista Park Subd., Blk. 11, Acq. 45T 280699; 1240 Columbus Ave., Morgan City, LA 70380, - Parcel Id#: 3014301102.00 - Lot East 5 Ft. No. 15 Bayou Vista Park Subd., Blk. 11 Acq. 36G 242583, - Parcel Id#: 3014301103.00 - Lot West 60 Ft. No. 14 Bayou Vista Park Subd., Blk 11 Acq. 449 342574; 1244 Columbus Ave., Morgan City, LA 70380, - Parcel Id#: 3014301104.00 - Lot East 15 Ft. No. 14 Bayou Vista Park Subd., Blk. 11, Acq. 184 303639, - Parcel Id#: 3014301105.00 - Lot West 50 Ft. No. 13 Bayou Vista Park Subd., Blk. 11, Acq. 184 303639; 1252 Columbus Ave., Morgan City, LA 70380, -Parcel Id#: 3014301106.00 - Lot East 25 Ft. No. 13 Bayou Vista Park Subd., Blk. 11, Acq. 45J 278793, - Parcel Id#: 3014301107.00 - Lot West 40 Ft. No. 12 Bayou Vista Park Subd., Blk. 11, Acq. 45J 278793; 1256 Columbus Ave., Morgan City, LA 70380, - Parcel Id#: 3014301108.00 - Lot East 35 Ft. No. 12 Bayou Vista Park Subd., Blk. 11, Acq. 264 314816, - Parcel Id#: 3014301109.00 - Lot West 30 Ft. No. 11, Bayou Vista Park Subd., Blk. 11, Acq. 264 314816; 1260 Columbus Ave., Morgan City, LA 70380, - Parcel Id#: 3014301110.00 - Lot East 45 Ft. No. 11 Bayou Vista Park Subd., Blk. 11, Acq. 260 314181, - Parcel Id#: 3014301111.00 - Lot West 20 Ft. No. 10 Bayou Vista Park Subd. Blk. 11, Acq. 260 314181; 1264 Columbus Ave., Morgan City, LA 70380, - Parcel Id#: 3014301112.00 - Lot East 55 Ft. No. 10 Bayou Vista Park Subd., Blk. 11, Acq. 23V 189470, - Parcel Id#: 3014301113.00 - Lot West 10 Ft. No. 9 Bayou Vista Park Subd., Blk. 11, Acq. 23V 189470; 1270 Columbus Ave., Morgan City, LA 70380, - Parcel Id#: 3014301114.00 - Lot East 65 Ft. No. 9 Bayou Vista Park Subd., Blk. 11, Acq. 443 341533; and 1104 Southeast Blvd., Morgan City, LA 70380, - Parcel Id#: 3014301115.00 - Lot 1 Bayou Vista Park Subd., Blk. 11, Acq. 28L 213527, - Parcel Id#: 3014301116.00 - Lot North 55.05, No. 2 Bayou Vista Park Subd., Blk. 11, Acq. 28L 2135272204701197.00 - Lot Tract A-B-C-I-A, Per Plat 24M 192689, Acq. 449 342553, Sec.62 T14S R9E.

PURPOSE: Rezone from General Commercial (GC) Zoned District to Single Family Residential (SR) Zoned District.

Mr. Adams recommends the above Rezoning. Mr. Hill seconded the motion, which carried. Mr. Hebert abstained.

**e. Denied Rezoning**

Name: Karin Bertrand  
Address: 10906 Hwy. 182, Franklin, LA

Parcel Id# 2234604021.00 - Lot 1A Bayouside Investments, LLC; Per Plat 441 341242, Acq. 470 346101

PURPOSE: Single Family (SR) Zoned District to Existing Neighborhood (EN2) Zoned District to allow for a manufactured home to be placed on the property.

Rev. Mathews recommends to overturn the above Rezoning denial. Mr. Ina seconded the motion, which carried. Mr. Adams, Mr. Olander, and Mrs. Hidalgo voted no.

Rev. Mathews requested that the ordinance for introduction granting a rezone for Karin Bertrand located at 10906 Hwy. 182, Franklin, LA be placed on the March 25, 2026 agenda.

Dr. Rink moved that the Public Hearing Report, February 25, 2026 – 5:45 p.m. Mr. Hebert seconded the motion, which carried.

Dr. Rink introduced the following Ordinances:

**ORDINANCE NO:**

An Ordinance in compliance with Ordinance No. 1973, DIVISION 5.4 General Procedures for Public Hearings, Section 5.4.3 Specific Use Permits granting a Specific Use.

**WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2014, the St. Mary Parish Council adopted Ordinance No. 1973 – St. Mary Parish Unified Development Code, and

**WHEREAS**, DIVISION 5.4 General Procedures for Public Hearings, Section 5.4.3 Specific Use Permits provides a process for the granting of a specific use, and

**THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana:

**SECTION I** - That certain tract of land described in Exhibit “A” is hereby approved and granted a specific use to allow for an existing Church and Accessory Facilities.

This ordinance shall become effective and be in full force upon publication in the official journal of the Parish.

This ordinance having been offered and read on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026; having been published in accordance with law.

**EXHIBIT “A”**

**Name: 4C Christian Committing  
The Community to Christ**

**Address: 1560 & 1564 Cypremort Rd., Franklin, LA**

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Cypremort Rd., Jeanerette, LA 70544, & Parcel Id# 1814901089.00 - Lot 1 Lockett Subd. per  
Plat 44A 273250 Acq. 216 308287**

**Currently Zoned: Existing Neighborhood (EN2) Zoned District**

**Specific Use Purpose: for an existing Church and Accessory Facilities.**

**ORDINANCE NO:**

An Ordinance in compliance with Ordinance No. 1973, Chapter 5 Procedures, Division 5.4 General Procedures for Public Hearing, Section 5.4.2 Rezonings (Zoning Map Amendments).

**WHEREAS**, on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014, the St. Mary Parish Council adopted Ordinance No. 1973 – St. Mary Parish Unified Development Code, and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 5 Procedures, Division 5.4 General Procedures for Public Hearing, Section 5.4.2 Rezonings (Zoning Map Amendments) provides a process for the official zoning district map to be amended, and

**THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana:

**SECTION I** - That certain tract of land described in Exhibit “A” is hereby rezoned from General Commercial (GC) Zoned District to Single Family Residential (SR) Zoned District.

This ordinance shall become effective and be in full force upon publication in the official journal of the Parish.

This ordinance having been offered and read on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026; having been published in accordance with law.

**EXHIBIT “A”**

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Address: Columbus Ave., Bayou Vista, LA**

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**PURPOSE: Rezone from General Commercial (GC) Zoned District to Single Family Residential (SR) Zoned District.**

Mr. Adams moved to amend the ordinance to remove Section 2 and adopt the following Ordinance as amended. Mr. Hebert seconded the motion, which carried by the following 8-2-0-1 Roll Call vote:

YEAS: Hill, Hebert, Davis, Adams, Rink, Hidalgo, Mathews, and Ina

NAYS: Olander and Duhon

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Rulf

**ORDINANCE NO. 2427**

An ordinance prohibiting the feeding of stray cats and dogs within the unincorporated areas of St. Mary Parish and imposing penalties for the violation thereof.

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the St. Mary Parish Council, State of Louisiana, in regular session convened:

**SECTION I. Feeding Stray Cats and Dogs**

**(A) Definitions, Policy, and Purpose**

(1) FEED or FEEDING means the placing of dog or cat food, or similar food products of consumable materials attractive to dogs and cats which may result in dogs and cats congregating thereon on a regular basis, placed on the ground, in an obviously intended feeder, or in a feeder at height accessible to cats and dogs.

(2) STRAY means an unlicensed domestic or feral dog or cat running at large and unaccompanied or controlled by an owner.

**(B) Policy and Purpose.**

High populations of stray dogs and cats pose a hazard to human health and safety as such animals provide a fruitful breeding ground for infectious disease, including but not limited to rabies and distemper, and may otherwise bite or attack humans and domestic animals. Stray dogs and cats also carry fleas and ticks. In addition, food provided for stray animals is often attractive to wild animals such as raccoons and rodents and may create nuisance conditions such as rat harborage or other wild animal infestation. No person shall feed or allow the feeding of any stray cat or dog at any residential property within the municipal limits of the within unincorporated areas of St. Mary Parish unless they are the owner of record of the property on which the feeding takes place.

No person shall feed or allow the feeding of any stray cat or dog on any public property, business, or commercial area within the municipal limits of the within unincorporated areas of St. Mary Parish.

**SECTION 2. Penalty assessment.**

Violation of any provision of the ordinance by any person, firm, or corporation, whether as owner or occupant, shall be handled in the following manner:

- (A) **First Violation.** The first violation of this article will result in a notice of violation by the St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Department, as well as a summons and complaint.
- (B) **Second Violation.** The second violation of this article will result in another notice of Violation by the St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Department, as well as a summons and complaint.
- (C) **Third Violation.** The third violation of this article will result in another notice of violation by the St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Department, as well as a summons and complaint. Penalties, graduated schedule. The graduated fine schedule for the penalty assessment procedure is as follows:

First Violation: \$50 fine  
Second Violation: \$100 fine  
Third Violation: \$200 fine  
Subsequent violations or failure to comply: \$200 fine

All other ordinances, or parts of ordinances, in conflict with this ordinance, are hereby repealed. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase be declared unconstitutional, invalid, or repealed for any reason, the remainder of the ordinance shall not be affected. All provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable and the invalidity of any part of this ordinance shall not affect other provisions, items, or applications of this ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items, or applications of this ordinance.

This ordinance having been offered and read on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026; having been published in accordance with law; having been heard in a public hearing held at Franklin, Louisiana on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026; was adopted.

**APPROVED:**

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**GWENDOLYN L. HIDALGO, CHAIRPERSON  
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

**ATTEST:**

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**LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK  
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

This Ordinance was submitted to the President of St. Mary Parish on this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026 at the hour of 12:59 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

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**SAM JONES, PRESIDENT  
ST. MARY PARISH**

This Ordinance was returned to the Clerk of the Council on this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026 at the hour 2:08 p.m.

In response to several Council Members' inquiries, Janet Aucoin stated the purpose to remove Section 2 – Exemption from the proposed ordinance is to put structure in place and stop people from putting food everywhere to feed them.

Per Mr. Duhon's inquiry, Mr. Governale stated that funding was discontinued from one of the rescue organizations due to the Parish and the organization not moving in the same direction.

Mr. Hill moved to adopt the following Resolution. The Council seconded the motion, which carried by the following 10-0-0-1 Roll Call vote:

YEAS: Hill, Hebert, Davis, Duhon, Adams, Rink, Hidalgo, Mathews, Ina, and Olander

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Rulf

**RESOLUTION OF RESPECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Lord Almighty in His Infinite mercy and goodness has seen fit to remove from our midst, Mrs. Rosemary Salsman Breaux, affectionately known by all as Rosie, at the blessed age of 106, and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Breaux was born in Donner, Louisiana and a lifelong resident of Baldwin, and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Breaux spent years in various states and towns traveling with the Army and Shell Oil Company, then settling in Baldwin in 1954, purchasing and operating Breaux’s Grocery Store on Main Street then relocating to Charenton Road, renaming it Breaux’s Foodland, where she dedicated most of her hard working life, and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Breaux was a devout Catholic who loved her faith and was an active parishioner of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Baldwin, was a former member of the Catholic Daughter Court Assumption in Franklin, and a charter member of the Catholic Daughters Court Sacre Coeur in Baldwin, and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Breaux enjoyed life to the fullest and contributed her long life to hard work, a positive attitude, and her trust in God, and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the St. Mary Parish Council wish to acknowledge publicly their sorrow and sympathy to the family of Mrs. Breaux and hopes that her family will find comfort in the thought that their grief and sorrow are shared by their friends.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the St. Mary Parish Council through the unanimous adoption of this resolution that they solemnly deliberate with sincere condolences, sympathy, and understanding during this time of grief.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** by the St. Mary Parish Council in regular session convened on this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026.

**APPROVED:**

**GWENDOLYN L. HIDALGO CHAIRPERSON  
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

**ATTEST:**

**LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK  
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Referred from the February 25, 2026, Regular Council Meeting – to rescind the appointment of Mr. George Small, III from the Board of Adjustments for Parish of St. Mary.

Clerk of the Council, Lisa Morgan stated that Mr. Small was accidentally appointed at the last meeting and would like to remain on the Board of Adjustments. Therefore, no action will be taken.

- B. Referred from the February 25, 2026, Regular Council Meeting – to rescind the appointment of Mr. Cody M. Fontenot from Wards 5 & 8 Joint Sewer Commission.

Lisa Morgan stated that Mr. Fontenot was appointed at the last meeting and since George Small, III did not want to be considered for appointment of Wards 5 & 8 Joint Sewer Commission, no action will be taken.

Appointment to following Boards and Commissions:

**Wards 5 and 8 Joint Sewer Commission (Bayou Vista) – 1 Vacancy**

Cody M. Fontenot

George Small, III

Due to Cody Fontenot remaining on Wards 5 & 8 Joint Sewer Commission, no action will be taken on this item.

- C. Discussion and Action to rescind a Resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, to vote upon the adoption of an amended St. Mary Parish Home Rule Charter, making application to the State Bond Commission, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Mr. Hebert moved to rescind a Resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, to vote upon the adoption of an amended St. Mary Parish Home Rule Charter, making application to the State Bond Commission, and providing for other matters in connection therewith. Rev. Mathews seconded the motion, which carried.

In response to Mr. Adams’ inquiry, Mr. Hebert stated the approximate cost of the election is \$80,000.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. We received the following financial statements:

Gravity Sub-Drainage District No. 1 of Gravity Drainage District No. 2 of the Parish of St. Mary – year ended September 30, 2025

Wax Lake East Drainage District of the Parish of St. Mary – year ended September 30, 2025

- B. Robbie Squires, Director, Government Affairs, Cox Communication Central Region has written Cox is required to obtain permission from local broadcast stations and cable networks to provide their signals on our channel lineup. We’re in discussions to renew agreements with the following programmers and broadcasters:

Station/Network	Channel(s)	Station/Network	Channel(s)
MoviePlex	120	Starz Encore	360
RetroPlex	193	Starz	361
IndiePlex	194	Starz Edge	362
Starz Encore Espanol	197	Starz in Black	363
Starz Encore	203	Starz Kids	364
Starz Encore Westerns	204	Starz Cinema	365
Starz Encore Classic	205	Starz Comedy	366
Starz Encore Suspense	206	Starz West	367
Starz Encore Action	207	Starz Edge West	368
Starz Encore Black	208	Starz in Black West	369
Starz Encore Family	223		

We will keep you updated with any new information. Please feel free to contact me at (405)286-5061 or [Robbie.Squires@cox.com](mailto:Robbie.Squires@cox.com).

- C. Caroline Byrne Cassagme, Executive Director, Atchafalaya National Heritage Area has written that the term of Carrie Stansbury on the Atchafalaya Trace Commission expires on March 13, 2026. Mrs. Stansbury has indicated that she would like to continue serving on the ATC.

Enclosed is a Commissioner Appointment form for appointing the St. Mary Parish representative for the term March 13, 2026, to March 13, 2029.

Mr. Adams moved that Carrie Stansbury be reappointed to the Atchafalaya Trace Commission. Dr. Rink seconded the motion, which carried.

- D. As per LA RS 38:291 (Z) relative to the St. Mary Levee District, the St. Mary Parish Council is responsible for submitting a list containing three nominations from each of the eight single member parish council districts. The Governor shall appoint one member to represent each District.

District III

Junius Paul Hebert, Jr.

Roy J. Martin

David Landry

Mr. Olander moved to submit to the Governor for a nomination to the St. Mary Levee District, the names of Junius Paul Hebert, Jr., Roy J. Martin, and David Landry for District III. Dr. Rink seconded the motion, which carried.

- E. Trey Brazan, Attorney, Secretary of State, has written that in accordance with La. R.S. 18:653, I am enclosing a copy of the notice of resignation received from the Honorable James P. Carinhas as Constable, Justice of the Peace Ward 5, Parish of St. Mary, with an effective date of February 28, 2026.

Pursuant to La. R.S. 18:583, an anticipated vacancy has occurred in the above-specified office. Therefore, the governing authority shall within twenty (20) days of the office actually becoming vacant (after February 28, 2026, but on or before March 20, 2026) make an appointment to fill the office, in accordance with La. R.S. 18:583(D)(1) and La. 18:602. After an appointment has been made, the certified minutes of the meeting or a certified resolution should be mailed to our office. A commission will be issued to the person appointed to fill the vacancy.

Please be advised that a special election is not required in connection with this vacancy, per La. R.S. 18:602, and the appointee can serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.

If the governing authority does not timely appoint an individual in connection with this vacancy, we will transmit notice to the Governor to do so in accordance with La. R.S. 18:602(D).

Discussion was had relative to receiving this notice on March 4, 2026 and the deadline being March 20, 2026, before the next Council meeting, possibly resulting in having to call a Special Meeting.

There being no further business, Mr. Hill moved for adjournment. Mr. Hebert seconded the motion, which carried.

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Lisa C. Morgan, Clerk

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Gwendolyn L. Hidalgo, Chairperson