ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

STATE OF LOUISIANA

ORDINANCE 26-81

Mrs. Hotard introduced the following ordinance.
Mr. _____ proposed and Mr. _____ seconded the following ordinance.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL HEREBY ORDAINS:

An ordinance amending St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances, Part III, Subpart B - Land Development Regulations, Chapter 113 - Zoning, Article III - Zoning Districts Established; Zoning Map, Sec. 113-143 to update procedures and processes related to the Official Zoning Map to allow for electronic hosting, maintenance, and more direct public access. (Parishwide)

WHEREAS, this ordinance is being presented in conjunction with Ordinance No. 26-80, which resolves the Official Zoning Map; and

WHEREAS, proposed text amendments provide for clearer direction in the electronic hosting, maintenance, and public access to the Official Zoning Map; and

WHEREAS, ensuring the Official Zoning Map of the Parish is consistently maintained and available, promote4s orderly development and protects the public's health, safety, and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, as the governing authority of St. John the Baptist Parish, that Part II - Code of Ordinances, Subpart B - Land Development Regulations, Chapter 113 - Zoning, Article III - Zoning Districts Established; Zoning Map, Sec. 113-143 be amended to clarify the hosting, interpretation, and effect of the Official Zoning Map online, and to provide for related matters, to read as follows:

Sec. 113-143. - Established districts adopted; official zoning map.

(a) *Districts established.* The parish is hereby divided into districts or zones as set forth in section 113-142 and as shown on the official zoning map which, together with all explanatory matters thereon, is hereby adopted by reference and declared to be part of this chapter.

(b) *Official zoning map.* The maps delineating the boundaries of the districts or zones, together with all matters and information shown on these maps, collectively constitute the official zoning map. The official zoning map, available from electronic records of the Geographic Information System (GIS) of St. John the Baptist Parish and kept current by the St. John the Baptist Planning and Zoning Department, is hereby adopted, approved, and made a part of this Code, and all of this map including legends, notations, references, and other information set forth thereon shall form a part of this Code as if all the matter and

information set forth on the map were fully described and copied herein. The official zoning map contained in said electronic records is based on the paper official zoning maps dated and adopted May 22, 1986, as amended or reconciled thereafter.

(1) *Changes to the official zoning map.* If, in accordance with ordinance, changes are made in district boundaries, reclassifications, or other matters portrayed on the official zoning map, such changes shall be filed and entered into the electronic and GIS records of the Parish.

(2) *Final authority as to zoning.* Regardless of the existence of purported copies of all or part of the official zoning map which may from time to time be made or published, the final authority as to the current zoning status of all lands and waters in the unincorporated areas of the parish shall rest with the Planning and Zoning Department.

(3) *Replacement of the official zoning map.* If the official zoning map, or any portion thereof, becomes damaged, lost, destroyed or difficult to interpret by reason of the nature or number of changes, the parish council may, by resolution, adopt a new official zoning map.

Unless specified, this ordinance becomes effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

The above ordinance having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS:

NAYS: **ABSENT:** **ABSTAINING:**

The result of the vote on the ordinance was ____**YEAS**, ____**NAYS**, ____**ABSENT**, ____**ABSTAINING**, and this ordinance was declared adopted on the _____ day of _____ 2026.

COUNCIL CHAIR	LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT	PARISH PRESIDENT
Date signed	Date signed	Date signed

LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT