

The following Resolution was offered by Council Member LaFrance who moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-

A RESOLUTION ORDERING AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE PARISH OF PLAQUEMINES, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TO AUTHORIZE THE CONTINUATION, LEVY AND COLLECTION OF SPECIAL TAXES THEREIN; MAKING APPLICATION TO THE STATE BOND COMMISSION AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Parish Council, acting as the governing authority (the "Governing Authority") of the Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), previously submitted to the qualified voters of the Parish certain property tax propositions; and

WHEREAS, the voters of the Parish did approve such property tax propositions; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Authority of the Parish now desires the qualified voters of the Parish to authorize the continuation of such property tax propositions.

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Authority of the Parish, that:

SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the Louisiana State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by Article VI, Section 26 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, the applicable provisions of Chapter 5, Chapter 6-A and Chapter 6-B of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the Parish on Saturday, March 23, 2024 between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) a.m., and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at said election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

**PARISH OF PLAQUEMINES,
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**PROPOSITION NO. 1
(HEALTH UNIT)**

Shall the Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a special tax of one and seventeen hundredths (1.17) mills on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$1,037,532.50 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of fifteen (15) years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2039, for the purposes of acquiring, constructing, operating and maintaining public health units in said Parish, said mills to represent a .17 mills increase (due to reassessment) over the 1.00 mills authorized to be levied through 2024 pursuant to an election held on May 2, 2009?

PROPOSITION NO. 2
(POLLUTION CONTROL)

Shall the Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a special tax of two and thirty-two hundredths (2.32) mills on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$2,057,329.40 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of fifteen (15) years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2039, for the purposes of constructing, operating and maintaining pollution control and abatement facilities in said Parish, said mills to represent a .32 mills increase (due to reassessment) over the 2.00 mills authorized to be levied through 2024 pursuant to an election held on May 2, 2009?

PROPOSITION NO. 3
(ROADS)

Shall the Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a special tax of one and seventy-six hundredths (1.76) mills on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$1,560,732.65 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of fifteen (15) years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2039, for the purpose of maintaining the roads in said Parish, said mills to represent a .25 mills increase (due to reassessment) over the 1.51 mills authorized to be levied through 2024 pursuant to an election held on May 2, 2009?

PROPOSITION NO. 4
(INCINERATOR WASTE FACILITIES)

Shall the Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a special tax of one and seventeen hundredths (1.17) mills on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$1,037,352.50 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of fifteen (15) years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2039, for the purposes of constructing, operating and maintaining solid waste (including landfill), and waste water disposal facilities in said Parish, said mills to represent a .17 mills increase (due to reassessment) over the 1.00 mills authorized to be levied through 2024 pursuant to an election held on May 2, 2009?

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Shall the Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a special tax of three and forty-seven hundredths (3.47) mills on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$3,077,126.30 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of fifteen (15) years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2039, for the purposes of acquiring, constructing, operating and maintaining waste disposal facilities, including garbage disposal in said Parish, said mills to represent a .49 mills increase (due to reassessment) over the 2.98 mills authorized to be levied through 2024 pursuant to an election held on May 2, 2009?

PROPOSITION NO. 6
(LIBRARIES)

Shall the Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a special tax of one and seventeen hundredths (1.17) mills on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$1,037,352.50 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of fifteen (15) years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2039, for the purpose of operating and maintaining public libraries in said Parish, said mills to represent a .17 mills increase (due to reassessment) over the 1.00 mills authorized to be levied through 2024 pursuant to an election held on May 2, 2009?

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Shall the Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a special tax of two and thirty-two hundredths (2.32) mills on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$2,057,329.40 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of fifteen (15) years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2039, for the purposes of acquiring, constructing, operating and maintaining waterworks in said Parish, said mills to represent a .32 mills increase (due to reassessment) over the 2.00 mills authorized to be levied through 2024 pursuant to an election held on May 2, 2009?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election. A Notice of Special Election shall be published in *Plaquemines Gazette*, a weekly newspaper of general circulation within the Parish, and being the official journal of the Parish, once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date fixed for the election, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"** and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

SECTION 3. Canvass. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Belle Chasse Council Building Changers, 333 F. Edward Hebert Blvd., Bldg 203, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, on **July 11, 2024, at THREE O’CLOCK (3:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of the said election. The Governing Authority reserves the right to advance or postpone the date and time set forth above for the canvass of the returns (without any further publication of notice of change in date, time and/or location).

SECTION 4. Polling Places. The polling places set forth in the aforesaid Notice of Special Election are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 5. Election Commissioners; Voting Machines. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the said special election as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said election for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the Parish are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines shall be used.

SECTION 6. Authorization of Officer. The Council Secretary of the Governing Authority is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election and the Council Secretary of the Governing Authority is further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the election.

SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials. Certified copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Louisiana Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Parish Custodian of Voting Machines in and for the Parish, and the Registrar of Voters in and for said Parish, as notification of the special election herein called in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 8. Employment of Counsel. It is recognized, found and determined that a real necessity exists for the employment of legal counsel in connection with the election; accordingly, Boles Shafto, LLC, located in Monroe, Louisiana, is hereby employed as legal counsel ("**Legal Counsel**") to perform comprehensive, legal and coordinate professional work with respect to the election. Counsel shall (i) prepare and submit to the Parish for adoption of all the proceedings incidental to the election;(ii) counsel and advise the Parish with respect to the election; and (iii) in the event said election carries, to serve as "Bond Counsel" in connection with the funding of proceeds of the tax Into Bonds. The fee to be paid Legal Counsel shall be an amount equal to the Attorney General's then current Maximum Hourly Fee Schedule and other guidelines for comprehensive, legal and coordinate professional work, together with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred and advanced in connection with the election, said fee to be payable by the Parish subject to the Attorney General's written approval of said employment and fee, provided however that such fee shall in no event exceed \$2,500.

SECTION 9. Additional Notice Requirement. This Governing Authority made the announcement with respect to the adoption of this resolution required by La. R.S. 42:19.1, at its public meeting on August 10, 2023 and published said announcement in the Official Journal on August 15, 2023.

SECTION 10. Application to State Bond Commission. Application is made to the Louisiana State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the special election as herein provided, and in the event that election carries for further consent and authority to dedicate the proceeds of the Tax, and a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Louisiana State Bond Commission on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

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

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 14th day of September, 2023.

W. Keith Hinkley, Parish President

Kim M. Toups, Council Secretary

EXHIBIT "A"

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Plaquemines Parish Council, acting as the governing authority (the "**Governing Authority**"), of the Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana, (the "**Parish**") on September 14, 2023, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a special election will be held within the Parish on **SATURDAY, March 23, 2024**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

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The said special election will be held at the following polling places situated within the Parish, which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m., and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to-wit:

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION
PRECINCTS LOCATION REPORT FOR THE PARISH

PRECINCT	POLL PLACE NAME	POLL PLACE LOCATION	CITY
1-1	Braithwaite Auditorium	1253 Hwy 39	Braithwaite
1-2	Phoenix School	12700 Hwy 39	Braithwaite
1-3	Rev. Percy Griffin Comm. Center	15577 Hwy 15	Davant
2-1	Belle Chasse Auditorium	8398 Hwy 23	Belle Chasse
3-1	Belle Chasse Auditorium	8398 Hwy 23	Belle Chasse
4-1	Belle Chasse Auditorium	8398 Hwy 23	Belle Chasse
5-1	Belle Chasse Auditorium	8398 Hwy 23	Belle Chasse
5-1A	Belle Chasse Auditorium	8398 Hwy 23	Belle Chasse
6-1	Belle Chasse Middle School Gym	13494 Hwy 23	Belle Chasse
6-1A	Belle Chasse Middle School Gym	13494 Hwy 23	Belle Chasse
6-1B	Belle Chasse Middle School Gym	13494 Hwy 23	Belle Chasse
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7-1	St. Paul Baptist Church	133 Bradish St.	Port Sulphur
7-2	South Plaquemines Elem. School	218 School Rd.	Port Sulphur
8-1	Belle Chasse Middle School Gym	13494 Hwy 23	Belle Chasse
8-1A	Belle Chasse Middle School Gym	13494 Hwy 23	Belle Chasse
8-2	S. Plaquemines Elem. School	218 School Rd.	Port Sulphur
8-2A	S. Plaquemines Elem. School	218 School Rd.	Port Sulphur
8-3	S. Plaquemines High School	34121 Hwy 23	Buras
9-1	S. Plaquemines High School	34121 Hwy 23	Buras
9-2	Boothville Elementary School Gym	#1 Oiler Drive	Boothville

The polling places set forth above are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those designated according to law.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the taxes described in the Propositions shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5, Chapter 6-A and Chapter 6-B of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitute therefor, as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and **NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN** that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, Belle Chasse Council Building Champers, 333 F. Edward Hebert Blvd., Bldg. 203, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, on **July 11, 2024**, at **THREE O’CLOCK (3:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of the said special election. The Governing Authority reserves the right to advance or postpone the date and time set forth above for the canvass of the returns (without any further publication of notice of change in date, time and/or location). All registered voters of the Parish are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used thereat. **NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN** that a portion of the monies collected from the tax described in the Propositions above shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The estimated cost of the election as determined by the Louisiana Secretary of State is \$39,200.

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THUS DONE AND SIGNED, at Belle Chasse, Louisiana, on this, the 14th day of September, 2023.

W. Keith Hinkley, Parish President

Kim M. Toups, Council Secretary

PARISH OF PLAQUEMINES

STATE OF LOUISIANA

I, the undersigned Council Secretary of the Plaquemines Parish Council of the Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana (the "**Parish**"), do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of the proceedings taken by the Parish on September 14, 2023 with respect to:

A RESOLUTION ORDERING AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE PARISH OF PLAQUEMINES, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TO AUTHORIZE THE CONTINUATION, LEVY AND COLLECTION OF SPECIAL TAXES THEREIN; MAKING APPLICATION TO THE STATE BOND COMMISSION AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature of the Parish, on this, the 14th day of September, 2023.

Kim M. Toups, Council Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 23-

The following Resolution was offered by Council Member LaFrance who moved its adoption:

1 A Resolution urging Governor Edwards to declare an Emergency Declaration of
2 Disaster for the Shrimping Industry; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

3 WHEREAS, the influx of imported shrimp entering the State of Louisiana is allowing foreign
4 countries to dominate the Louisiana Shrimp Industry; and

5 WHEREAS, this influx is resulting in hardships to our Louisiana Shrimp Harvesters, our
6 communities and related businesses; and

7 WHEREAS, Shrimp Harvesters are receiving lower than one dollar per pound for their shrimp
8 products which is lower than they have ever received in years past; and

9 WHEREAS, the rising cost of fuel to operate vessels and the rising costs to operate their small
10 fishing businesses is having a detrimental effect on the Louisiana Shrimp Harvesters; and

11 WHEREAS, Commercial Fishing Vessels are forced to remain dockside and businesses are being
12 forced to shut down their operations;

13 NOW, THEREFORE:

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the Plaquemines Parish
15 President and Council hereby urges Governor Edwards to declare an Emergency Declaration of
16 Disaster for the Louisiana Shrimping Industry.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT this
18 Resolution be sent to Governor Edwards.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the
20 Secretary of this Council is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify and release this
21 Resolution and that Parish employees and officials are authorized to carry out the purposes of this
22 Resolution, both without further reading and approval by the Plaquemines Parish Council.

