

REVISED HARDSHIP ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE REASONABLE ROAD ACCESS OF POOR AND NEEDY CITIZENS AS HARDSHIP CASES, SET THE PENALTY OF VIOLATIONS THEREOF AND PROVIDE FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Grant Parish Police Jury in regular session convened on this 13th day of March, 2025 that the following ordinance be enacted:

Article 1. General HARDSHIP CASES

SECTION 1. POLICY

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 7, Section 14 (B) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 and R.S. 33:1236 (11), it shall be the policy of the Grant Parish Police Jury to provide for the poor and needy within Grant Parish by, among other things, appropriating each year a sum of money to be dedicated to the purpose of providing reasonable access for poor and needy people from their homes to the nearest public road and who will be extremely disadvantaged without such assistance.

SECTION 2. ADMINISTRATION

The funds shall be administrated under the following rules:

(A) Persons who qualify:

- 1. A person must execute an application stating that he or she is the owner of a home without reasonable access to a public road and have resided in said home for six (6) months or longer.
- 2. Require assistance providing a passable road for Home Health/Nursing Care service.
- 3. Be incapable of providing their own reasonable access due to illness, income, or age.

(B) Assistance to be rendered:

- 1. Each hardship case is to be brought before the Grant Parish Police Jury for discussion in open meeting and each will be handled individually and on an each time basis.
- 2. The assistance to be rendered under this policy is limited to the grading and graveling of a road not to exceed 500 feet in length and not to exceed 12 feet travel surface in width, not to exceed 150 cubic yards of pit-run and/or 15 yards of washed gravel, not to be spread unless approved by the Parish Superintendent and the Grant Parish Police Jury.
- 3. No maintenance or upkeep will be provided after initial work is completed. All requests thereafter must be presented to the jury as a new hardship case.
- 4. Only one repair per person is permitted.

(C) Project Approval:

The Grant Parish Police Jury will screen all applicants and applications. After verifying the
qualifications of the applicant within sources available, the applicant shall certify in writing
to the Grant Parish Police Jury, those persons, and projects which in their opinion qualify

for assistance under this program. Thereafter, the Parish Superintendent, after reviewing said applications, shall certify as to the amount of assistance deemed appropriate and its cost estimate.

No assistance shall be provided by the Grant Parish Police Jury to any private persons by the Parish Superintendent or any other personnel of the Jury unless and until a work order has been issued by the Grant Parish Police Jury under this ordinance.

SECTION 3. PENALTY FOR VIOLATION

Whoever intentionally falsifies an application or otherwise violates any provision of this ordinance shall be fined no more than two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollars or imprisoned no more than thirty (30) days or both; at the discretion of the court.

Following a public hearing on the above ordinance, the contents therein being discussed, the vote went as follows:

YEAS: _6_ NAYS: _1 ABSENT: _0

AND THIS ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED ON THIS 13th DAY OF MARCH, 2025.

Jessie Pace

Secretary-Treasurer

Grant Parish Police Jury

Mark Ball

President

Grant Parish Police Jury

CERTIFICATE

I, Jessie Pace, Secretary/Treasurer of the Grant Parish Police Jury, do hereby certify the forgoing is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance adopted by the said Police Jury in a regular session on the 13TH day of March, 2025, at which a quorum was present.

Jessie Pace

Secretary/Treasurer Grant Parish Police Jury