

# State of Louisiana

## Parish of Grant In the Name and By the Authority of The Police Jury of Grant Parish

Motion by Mr. Arnold Murrell, seconded by Mr. Winston Roberts, and carried to adopt the following Ordinance:

### ORDINANCE 07-2023

#### AN ORDINANCE TO BAN THE USE OF VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING DEVICES AND CAMERA-ENABLED DEVICES INSIDE THE COURTHOUSE AND OTHER POLICE JURY OWNED PROPERTIES FOR SECURITY PURPOSES:

**WHEREAS**, the Grant Parish Police Jury desires to protect all persons with business in the 35<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Parish of Grant courthouse, and other Grant Parish Police Jury owned properties to ensure the safe, secure, and orderly conduct of all proceedings and to facilitate the safe, secure, and efficient handling of business; and

**WHEREAS**, the Grant Parish Police Jury intentionally includes the Grant Parish Police Jury Maintenance Facilities, Transfer Station Facilities, Grant Parish Libraries, and all other jury owned facilities that assist members of the public; and

**WHEREAS**, absent prior written authorization from the governing authority, there shall be no photographing, recording, or broadcasting within the courthouse or other Grant Parish Police Jury owned facilities including but not limited to entrances and exits, lobby areas, hallways, stairs, elevators, and business offices other than authorized employees and officers of local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies wearing issued body cameras; and

**WHEREAS**, this is not intended to restrict the ability to photograph, film, or broadcast from outside the entrances and exits of the included facilities, provided such activity does not obstruct access to or from the facilities, and

**WHEREAS**, a person may use an electronic device to make an audio or video recording or to take photographs of a public meeting that is subject to the Freedom of Information Act subject to the following: the recording or photographing is done as inconspicuously as possible and the recording or photographing is done in a safe, non-disruptive manner, provided that the group holding a public meeting subject to the Freedom of Information Act may decide before the meeting reasonable rules controlling the recording or photographing of the meeting based on the need for

order, safety, and decorum of the public agency and those attending the meeting. Persons using equipment for recording or photographing a public meeting may use the equipment only for those purposes and shall not use it for any other purposes except as permitted by these guidelines.

**THEREFORE, BE IT OBTAINED,** that a violation of this Ordinance may be the basis for a citation and/or confiscation of recording equipment including but not limited to cell phones, tablets, or other camera-enabled devices that capture images or video.

Passed, approved, and adopted by the Grant Parish Police Jury, State of Louisiana, on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.

**Date of Enactment** – This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon approval.

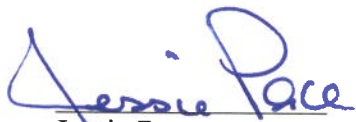
**WHEREUPON THIS ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED TO A VOTE AND RESULTED IN THE FOLLOWING:**


**YEAS:** Mr. Roy Edwards, Mr. Brandon DuBois, Mr. Johnny Jamison  
Mr. Arnold Murrell, Mr. Mike Merrell, Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr.  
Mr. Winston Roberts

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**AND THIS ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED ON THIS 11<sup>th</sup> DAY OF January, 2024.**

  
Jessie Pace  
Parish Manager/ Secretary – Treasurer  
Grant Parish Police Jury

  
Mark Ball  
President  
Grant Parish Police Jury

**CERTIFICATE**

I, Jessie Pace, Parish Manager / 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 11 day of January, 2024, at a quorum.

  
Jessie Pace  
Parish Manager / Secretary – Treasurer  
Grant Parish Police Jury