

State of Louisiana

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

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr. and carried to adopt the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 05-2025

ABOLISHING THE WARD SEVEN HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT

WHEREAS, in accordance with Chapter 10, Part 1, Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 46:1051 et seq.), the Grant Parish Police Jury, by Ordinance adopted on the 8th day of July, 1952, created the Ward Seven Hospital Service District; and

WHEREAS, the District owned and operated a medical clinic in Montgomery, Louisiana, known as the Montgomery Family Clinic (the "Clinic"), and levied ad valorem taxes for the purpose of maintaining, improving, and operating the Clinic; and

WHEREAS, the Parish no longer has a need for the Ward Seven Hospital Service District; and

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 15 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 provides that the governing authority of a local governmental subdivision shall have general power over any agency heretofore or hereafter created by it, including, without limitation, the power to abolish the agency and require prior approval of any charge or tax levied or bond issued by the agency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Brasseaux v. Vermilion Parish Police Jury, 361 So.2d 35 (La. App. 3rd Cir. 1978), the word "agency" as used in said Article VI, Section 15, includes special districts, such as a hospital service district, created by a parish governing authority; and

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 33:1415 provides in pertinent part that in any case where the governing authority of any parish or municipality shall have created or established, or shall thereafter create or establish, any board, commission, agency, district, office, government, or any unit having governmental functions, power or authority, such governing authority is hereby authorized to abolish same, provided, that where any indebtedness of any such board, commission, agency, district, office, government, or any entity whatever having governmental functions, is outstanding, the authority herein provided shall not be exercised until provision is made for the assumption of such indebtedness in the manner provided by law; and

WHEREAS, this governing authority of Grant Parish now wishes to abolish the Ward Seven Hospital Service District in accordance with said Article VI, Section 15 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, and La. R.S. 33:1415; inasmuch as the District no longer has any outstanding indebtedness, this governing authority further wishes to abolish the ad valorem tax that was renewed in March of 2023 effective January 1, 2025; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that:

SECTION 1. Abolishment of District. In accordance with the authority granted by Article VI, Section 15 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, La. R.S. 11:1415 and other constitutional and statutory authority. The Ward Seven Hospital Service District, Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, shall be abolished, effective upon the effective date of this ordinance. The Board of Directors of The Ward Seven Hospital District is also abolished as of the effective date of the abolishment of the district.

SECTION 2. Title to the Hospital.

Title to the following property shall be returned to the Parish of Grant:

Lots Nine (9) and Ten (10) and Eleven (11) of Block Eight (8) of the Village of Montgomery, in Grant Parish, Louisiana, together with all improvements thereon situated.

being the same property acquired by the District by Ordinance No. 18 from the Village of Montgomery, Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said village on June 22, 1954, and Quitclaim Deed signed December 11, 1954 purchasing the following lot:

Lot Eleven (11) of Block Eight (8) of the Village of Montgomery, in Grant Parish, Louisiana, together with all improvements thereon situated.

together will all buildings, structures, and improvements now or hereafter erected on the foregoing site and all machinery, devices, apparatus, equipment, fixtures, appurtenances, or other property whatsoever now or hereafter attached to or installed in the buildings and other improvements now erected or hereafter erected on the foregoing site, including, but not limited to, all heating, plumbing, lighting, water heating, ventilating and air conditioning equipment, utility lines and equipment (whether owned individually or jointly with others), and sprinkler systems, all fixtures, accessions and appurtenances thereto, and all renewals or replacements of or substitutions for any of the foregoing, all of which property and things are hereby declared to be permanent fixtures and accessories to the foregoing site; all easements and rights of way used in connection with the foregoing site or as a means of ingress to or egress from said property; all interests of the District in and to any streets, ways, alleys, and/or strips of land adjoining the foregoing site or any part thereof; all rights, estates, powers and privileges appurtenant or incident to the foregoing; and all existing or future furniture, furnishings, equipment, and any and all other movables of any kind or character now or hereafter placed from time to time in or upon the foregoing site, and all rents, issues and profits thereof.

SECTION 3. Division of Other Assets of the District. In approving the foregoing allocations, the land and buildings constituting the Ward Seven Hospital Service District have been assigned a fair market value of \$155,000.00 in accordance with an appraisal thereof dated 08/29/20. The Grant Parish Police Jury has considered and taken into account the relative assessed valuations of the District, the proposed use of the Hospital, and the public purposes served thereby and the relative benefits to be realized by Grant Parish from the transactions approved in this ordinance. It is found and determined that the allocations of the assets of the district in the manner provided for in this ordinance are fair, equitable, reasonable, and shall not constitute a gratuitous transfer of public funds.

SECTION 4. Expenditure of Other Assets of the District. After winding down all business of the District and upon receipt by the Grant Parish Police Jury of the remaining assets, cash, and property, such assets, cash, and property shall be expended by the Grant Parish Police Jury solely for the provision of health and welfare services within Grant Parish.


SECTION 5. Effective Date: Publication. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption, and as provided by law, shall be published in the official journal of Grant Parish.


BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions herein which can be given effect without the invalid provision and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

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

YEAS: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 3


AND THIS ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED ON THIS 9th DAY OF OCTOBER, 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 9TH day of October, 2025, at which a quorum was present.


Jessie Pace
Secretary/Treasurer