

VILLAGE OF HOSSTON, PARISH OF CADDO, STATE OF LOUISIANA
ORDINANCE NO. 3 OF 2025

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the Village of Hosston in due regular and legal session, convened that the following ordinance was presented as follows:

**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, VILLAGE OF HOSSTON, LOUISIANA,
TO ADOPT PROPER ACTIONS ENSURING THE SAFETY OF LAW ENFORCEMENT
OFFICERS IN THE VILLAGE OF HOSSTON BY PROVIDING ALL OF THE SAFETY
EQUIPMENT NEEDED TO PROTECT THE OFFICER(S) AS WELL AS ACCEPTING THE
SUPPORT OF THE CADDO PARISH SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Village of Hosston is a small village and at this time employs only one officer who also serves as the Police Chief for Hosston. Should Hosston ever hire an additional officer or officers, this ordinance will include the additional officer(s).

WHEREAS, all emergency calls need to be dispatched through 911.

WHEREAS, all non-emergency calls need to be dispatched by calling (318) 675-2170.

NOW THEREFORE, by calling the above listed numbers, at the time of the call, if the Village of Hosston has an officer on duty, that officer will respond to the call. If not, Caddo Parish dispatch will send a Caddo Parish Deputy to respond to the call. This provides a record of the call for safety reasons and accountability concern for all parties.

WHEREAS, if the call involves a felony offense, it is to be handled by the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Department. The Officer for the Village of Hosston may respond to the call; however, the Village of Hosston's Officer's response will only be to secure the scene until the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Department arrives and at which time they will take the lead and the Village of Hosston's Officer may assist.

WHEREAS, all misdemeanor charges will be handled by the Village of Hosston Police Department if there is an officer on duty at the time of the call. Otherwise, the call will be handled by the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Department.

WHEREAS, the Village of Hosston Law Enforcement Officer(s) will conduct all traffic stops and all citations along with any local misdemeanor charges will be handled through the Village of Hosston's Mayors Court.

WHEREAS, if any surrounding villages, towns or cities need assistance, the Village of Hosston Police Officer(s) will evaluate each call and will determine the urgency of the need which may require the officer(s) to go outside the municipal limits of the Village of Hosston in order to secure the scene, (whether the scene is criminal or medical) until the responding agency arrives. The reasoning for immediate response may prevent harm to someone and save valuable time that can mean the difference between life and death for an individual(s).

NOW THEREFORE, the Village of Hosston wishes to adopt all the above listed policies and procedures.

First Reading: May 20, 2025- Introduced and read by title and approved as read and set for Public Hearing on June 17, 2025, on motion by Alderman _____, seconded by Alderman _____.

Second Reading: June 17, 2024 – Having been approved on the first reading on May 20, 2025, and after publication of notice and a public hearing, was read by title, with a motion to approve as read by Alderman _____, seconded by Alderman _____ to adopt the ordinance, a record vote was taken and the result was as follows:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

THUS DONE, ORDAINED AND ESTABLISHED by the Board of Alderman of the Village of Hosston, Louisiana at a meeting of said public body, duly held and conducted on June 17, 2025, in the Village Hall for the Village of Hosston.

Hayden Linn, Town Clerk

Kim Jaynes, Mayor