

RESOLUTION NO. 15 of 2025

A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE DUTIES AND QUALIFICATIONS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN FOR THE VILLAGE OF HOSSTON, PURSUANT TO LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTES INCLUDING THE LAWRASON ACT (R.S. 33:321–481)

WHEREAS, the Village of Hosston, Louisiana, is a Lawrason Act municipality governed by the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes Title 33, Sections 321 through 481, known as the Lawrason Act; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 33:381 provides that the officers of a Lawrason Act municipality shall include a Board of Aldermen who, together with the Mayor, form the municipal governing authority; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 33:362 and R.S. 33:404 et seq. define the legislative authority, responsibilities, and limitations of the Board of Aldermen; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the Village of Hosston seeks to reaffirm its statutory roles, duties, and qualifications in accordance with the Louisiana Revised Statutes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the Village of Hosston, in regular session convened, that:

SECTION 1: QUALIFICATIONS

Pursuant to R.S. 33:381(A), each Alderman:

- Shall be an elector of the municipality,
- Shall be a resident of the Village of Hosston, and
- Shall meet all constitutional and statutory requirements applicable to municipal officers under Louisiana law.

SECTION 2: DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

In accordance with R.S. 33:362 and R.S. 33:404, the Board of Aldermen shall:

- Serve as the legislative body of the municipality,
- Enact ordinances, resolutions, and other regulations necessary for the good governance, peace, and order of the municipality;
- Adopt an annual operating and capital budget as prepared and submitted by the Mayor;
- Approve all contracts, expenditures, and obligations of the municipality not otherwise delegated by ordinance;
- Provide by ordinance for the creation and maintenance of municipal departments and offices;
- Approve appointments where required by law or ordinance;

- Exercise oversight of the Mayor’s administration through inquiries and legislative review;
- Serve as the governing body for municipal zoning and land use matters;
- Fulfill all other duties required by state law and local ordinances.

SECTION 3: ETHICAL STANDARDS AND OATH OF OFFICE

Each Alderman shall:

- Take and subscribe to an oath of office prior to assuming duties, pursuant to R.S. 42:162,
- Comply with all provisions of the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics (R.S. 42:1101 et seq.),
- Avoid conflicts of interest and act in the best interest of the residents of the Village of Hosston.

SECTION 4: COMPENSATION

In accordance with R.S. 33:404.1:

- The salaries of the Aldermen shall be established by ordinance,
- No increase in salary shall take effect during the current term of the Board, except as otherwise provided by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be made part of the permanent records of the Village of Hosston and shall be distributed to all current and future members of the Board of Aldermen for reference and compliance.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED on this ____ day of _____, 2025, in regular session duly convened.

ATTEST:

Hayden Linn, Town Clerk