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EXTRACT OF THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE PARISH OF ST. BERNARD, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE ST. BERNARD PARISH GOVERNMENT COMPLEX, 8201 WEST JUDGE PEREZ DRIVE, CHALMETTE, LOUISIANA ON TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2025 AT THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion of Mr. Randall, seconded by Mr. Everhardt, it was moved to **adopt** the following resolution:

RESOLUTION SBPC #2470-07-25

A RESOLUTION TO DIRECT ST. BERNARD PARISH GOVERNMENT TO UNDERTAKE ALL CUSTOMARY AND REASONABLE EFFORTS TO SIGN OFF ON THE VEGETATION ENHANCEMENT (TREE PLANTING) PERMITS SUBMITTED BY ANY RESIDENT OF ST. BERNARD AND APPROVED BY THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Transportation has approved several Vegetation Enhancement (tree planting) permits filed by any resident of St. Bernard, subject to St. Bernard Parish Government signing off on these permits; and,

WHEREAS, the tree plantings enhance the aesthetic value of the area, the Council does hereby recommend that St. Bernard Parish Government undertake all customary and reasonable efforts to sign off on the permits submitted by any resident of St. Bernard Parish and approved by the Louisiana Department of Transportation; and,

WHEREAS, as long as the State of Louisiana has no objection and the trees are being maintained correctly and adequately by the planter or planting party, the St. Bernard Parish Government will take reasonable efforts to approve said vegetation improvements; and,

WHEREAS, the Parish of St. Bernard wishes to be a tree friendly community via this support in this resolution; and,

WHEREAS, if any vegetation planting that becomes unruly or non-maintained for the time frame of one grass cutting season, the St. Bernard Parish Government reserves the right to remove said vegetation. Non-maintained or unruly shall be defined as a non-weeded base, a canopy that a tractor cannot pass under, or if it interferes with power lines and Entergy is unwilling to assist. Understanding that there will be a time frame after planting that a weeded base will suffice as canopy maintenance in a tree's early life stages; and,



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WHEREAS, the vegetation enhancing projects cannot interfere with any future development and or install of any utility. Such interference will be grounds for removal or for future denial; and,

WHEREAS, St. Bernard Parish Government may support any permit application submitted by a property owner to the Louisiana Department of Transportation provided that a prior permit addressing the same issue and citing the same permit number was previously approved by St. Bernard Parish Government.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that St. Bernard Parish Government, the Governing Authority, is directed to undertake all customary and reasonable efforts to sign off on the Vegetation Enhancement (tree planting) permits submitted by any resident of St. Bernard and approved by the Louisiana Department of Transportation.

The above and foregoing having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereupon resulted as follows:

YEAS: Cusimano, Moran, Meyer, Randall, Mones, Everhardt

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The Council Chair, Mr. McCloskey, cast his vote as **YEA**.

And the motion was declared **adopted** on the 15th day of July, 2025.



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CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a motion adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Council of the Parish of St. Bernard, held at Chalmette, Louisiana, on Tuesday, July 15, 2025.

Witness my hand and the seal
of the Parish of St. Bernard on
this 15th day of July, 2025.

ROXANNE ADAMS
CLERK OF COUNCIL