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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, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 AT THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Ms. Meyer, it was moved to **adopt** the following resolution:

RESOLUTION SBPC #2488-09-25

A RESOLUTION TO CREATE A BUSINESS INCENTIVE AND RETENTION COMMITTEE FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING AND RECOMMENDING STRATEGIES, PROGRAMS, AND INCENTIVES TO ATTRACT NEW BUSINESSES AND TO SUPPORT THE EXISTING BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN ST. BERNARD PARISH.

WHEREAS, the St. Bernard Council is desirous of creating a Business Incentive and Retention Committee to attract new business and support existing businesses in St. Bernard Parish.

WHEREAS, the St. Bernard Parish Council formally approves the creation of a Business Incentive and Retention Committee and the bylaws as presented:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE AND INTENT

It is the intent of the St. Bernard Parish Council to strengthen the parish's economic foundation by attracting diverse new businesses and supporting the long-term stability of existing businesses. The creation of a Business Incentive and Retention Committee will provide a formal structure for discussion, collaboration, and recommendation of strategies that encourage economic growth, job creation, and community stability.

SECTION 2. CREATION OF COMMITTEE

There is hereby created the Business Incentive and Retention Committee (the "Committee") as an advisory body to the St. Bernard Parish Council and Administration.

SECTION 3. MEMBERSHIP

The Committee shall be composed of nine (9) members as follows:



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- One (1) representative of the Parish President's Administration.
- Two (2) members of the Parish Council.
- One (1) representative from the St. Bernard Parish Economic Development Foundation.
- One (1) representative from the St. Bernard Chamber of Commerce.
- Two (2) representatives from the small business community.
- Two (2) representatives with expertise or vested interest in parish economic development.

SECTION 4. APPOINTMENT AND PROXY OPTION

1. All members shall be appointed by resolution of the St. Bernard Parish Council.
2. For positions designated for the Parish President's Administration, the Parish Council, the Economic Development Foundation, or the Chamber of Commerce:
 - The designated entity may choose to appoint one of its own members; or
 - The entity may appoint a proxy or representative, provided such appointee is actively engaged in or connected to the St. Bernard Parish business community.
3. Nominations may be submitted by the relevant entity or by Councilmembers, and appointments shall be confirmed by majority vote of the Council.
4. Members shall serve a two (2) year term and may be reappointed by resolution of the Council.



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SECTION 5. DUTIES

The duties of the Committee shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Reviewing and recommending potential incentive programs to attract new businesses to St. Bernard Parish.
2. Exploring strategies to retain and support existing businesses.
3. Advising on policies and ordinances that encourage commercial redevelopment and job creation.
4. Recommending partnerships with local, regional, and state organizations to maximize available resources.
5. Submitting quarterly reports and recommendations to the Parish Council.

SECTION 6. MEETINGS

The Committee shall meet at least once every two months, with additional meetings called by the Chair as needed. Meetings shall be open to the public and subject to applicable open meetings laws.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Bernard Parish Council, the Governing Authority, does hereby approve the creation of a Business Incentive and Retention Committee for the purpose of discussing and recommending strategies, programs, and incentives that attract new businesses and to support the existing business community in St. Bernard Parish.

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 16th day of September, 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, September 16, 2025.

Witness my hand and the seal
of the Parish of St. Bernard on
this 16th day of September, 2025.

ROXANNE BURAS
CLERK OF COUNCIL