

ORDINANCE NO. JO _____ -2020

A JOINT ORDINANCE OF THE LAFAYETTE CITY COUNCIL AND THE LAFAYETTE PARISH COUNCIL APPROVING AN ADMINISTRATIVE REORGANIZATION OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF LAFAYETTE CITY-PARISH CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT BY CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF INNOVATION, MERGING THE INFORMATION SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT AND THE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM DEPARTMENT INTO THE NEWLY CREATED DEPARTMENT OF INNOVATION, MERGING CERTAIN POSITIONS WITHIN THE UTILITIES DEPARTMENT INTO THE NEWLY CREATED DEPARTMENT OF INNOVATION, THE AND AMENDING THE FY 19/20 OPERATING BUDGET OF LAFAYETTE CITY-PARISH CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT TO EFFECTUATE THE ADMINISTRATIVE REORGANIZATION APPROVED HEREIN

BE IT ORDAINED by the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council, that:

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Section 4-17 of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government Home Rule Charter, the Lafayette Mayor-President has proposed to the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council an administrative reorganization of two departments of Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government; and

WHEREAS, the administrative reorganization proposed by the Lafayette Mayor-President includes the creation of the Department of Innovation, the merger of the Information Services and Technology Department and the Communications System Department into the newly created Department of Innovation, and the merger of certain positions within the Utilities Department into the newly created Department of Innovation (the “Plan of Reorganization”); and

WHEREAS, the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council concur in the findings and determination of the Lafayette Mayor-President that it is in the best interest of the City of Lafayette, the Parish of Lafayette, and Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government to approve and implement the Lafayette Mayor-President’s proposed Plan of Reorganization; and

WHEREAS, the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council find that the proposed Plan of Reorganization affects current and proposed component units of Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government that are within the legislative power of both the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council, and accordingly, the Lafayette City Council and Lafayette Parish Council desire to act in a single joint ordinance to approve and implement the proposed Plan of Reorganization, in accordance with Sections 4-17(A) and 2-11(E)(1) and (2) of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government Home Rule Charter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Lafayette City Council and Lafayette Parish Council, that:

SECTION 1: The “Whereas” clauses in the preamble of this Ordinance are hereby adopted as part of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2: The Lafayette Mayor-President's proposed Plan of Reorganization is hereby approved, and accordingly:

- A. The Department of Innovation is hereby created;
- B. The Information Systems and Technology Department and the Communications System Department are hereby merged into the newly created Department of Innovation; and
- C. Certain positions within the Utilities Department are hereby merged into the newly created Department of Innovation;

all substantially in accordance with the documents attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

SECTION 3: The FY 19/20 operating budget of Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government is hereby amended to effectuate the Plan of Reorganization in accordance with the documents attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference. Additionally, the Chief Financial Officer, through the Lafayette Mayor-President, is authorized to prepare administrative budget revisions to comply with the dictates of this ordinance. Upon completion, the Chief Financial Officer, through the Lafayette Mayor-President, shall prepare a written report to the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council detailing the amount and nature of any adjustments required to implement this budget amendment.

SECTION 4: In accordance with Section 4-07(A) of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government Home Rule Charter, notwithstanding anything in this Ordinance to the contrary, the Lafayette City Council shall at all times remain the governing authority of (a) the portion of the newly created Department of Innovation comprising the reorganized Communications System Department; and (b) any portion of the Utilities Department merged into the newly created Department of Innovation.

SECTION 5: All ordinances or resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6: After first having been adopted by a majority of the authorized membership of both the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council, this Ordinance shall become effective upon signature of this Ordinance by the Lafayette Mayor-President, the elapse of ten (10) days after receipt by the Lafayette Mayor-President without signature or veto, or upon override of a veto, whichever occurs first.

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