

## FACT SHEET

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**TITLE**

**A RESOLUTION REQUIRING A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO CHANGE THE USE OF THE PROPERTY DESIGNATED FOR THE NORTH SHREVEPORT PUBLIC SAFETY SUBSTATION, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**DATE**

December 9, 2024

**ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT**

City Attorney's Office

**COUNCIL DISTRICT**

City-wide

**SPONSOR**

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**PURPOSE**

To require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the City Council to approve any change to the use of the property designated for the north Shreveport public safety substation.

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

City of Shreveport voters approved a \$69 million bond proposition for public safety, including funding for police substations located strategically around the city; and in 2023, the North Shreveport Business Association, Inc. donated approximately 2.5219 acres located at or near 1500 North Market to the City of Shreveport to be used for the construction and operation of a police substation for the north Shreveport area. The City wishes to require that any use of the property match the value and character of the surrounding area. The City Council also and to require a 2/3rds majority vote to approve any Administration decision to change to the use of the property.

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**TIMETABLE**

Introduction: December 10, 2024  
Final Passage: January 14, 2025

**ATTACHMENTS**

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**SPECIAL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS**

NA

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**FINANCES**

NA

**SOURCE OF FUNDS**

NA

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**ALTERNATIVES**

(1) Adopt the resolution as submitted, or (2) Amend the resolution, or (3) Reject the resolution.

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**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the resolution.

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**FACT SHEET PREPARED BY:**

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**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ OF 2024**

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VOTE OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO CHANGE THE USE OF  
THE PROPERTY DESIGNATED FOR THE NORTH  
SHREVEPORT PUBLIC SAFETY SUBSTATION, AND TO  
OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**BY:**

**WHEREAS**, in December of 2021, City of Shreveport voters approved a \$69 million bond proposition for public safety, including funding for police substations located strategically around the city; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2023, the North Shreveport Business Association, Inc. donated approximately 2.5219 acres located at or near 1500 North Market to the City of Shreveport to be used for the construction and operation of a police substation for the north Shreveport area; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Shreveport intends to move forward with the construction of a public safety substation on the donated property, which creates a unique opportunity to establish a Family Justice Center in Shreveport; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Shreveport and the North Shreveport Business Association, Inc. recognize their joint interest in reducing crime and in promoting public safety and family justice in north Shreveport; and

**WHEREAS**, Family Justice Centers (FJC's) are multi-disciplinary service centers designed to provide coordinated support to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and other forms of interpersonal violence, offering comprehensive services under one roof; and

**WHEREAS**, Family Justice Centers provide a holistic approach by integrating services such as legal advocacy, counseling, housing assistance, law enforcement support, and financial aid, among other resources, ensuring that survivors have access to a wide range of support to assist them in rebuilding their lives; and

**WHEREAS**, Family Justice Centers play a critical role in promoting the safety and well-being of individuals and families, ensuring that survivors of violence can navigate the often complex systems of law enforcement, legal aid, social services, and healthcare more efficiently and with dignity; and

**WHEREAS**, these centers reduce the trauma and burden often faced by survivors who are forced to seek assistance from multiple agencies, improving outcomes by facilitating better coordination and communication among service providers; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Shreveport is committed to creating a community that values safety, support, and respect for all its residents, particularly survivors of domestic violence and abuse, and recognizes the vital role that Family Justice Centers play in this effort; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council acknowledges that Family Justice Centers not only empower and support survivors, but also help to break cycles of violence, promote long-term public safety, and contribute to the overall health and well-being of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council affirms its continued support for initiatives that strengthen Family Justice Centers and enhance the capacity of local agencies to deliver essential services to those who need them most; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council recognizes that significant decisions related to the use of city-owned property, particularly those with implications for public safety, should be made with careful consideration and broad consensus; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important that any proposed change in the use of the property currently designated as a police substation is subject to oversight and approval by the City Council to ensure transparency, accountability, and the best interests of the public;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that if the City Administration proposes to change the use of the approximately 2.5219 acres located at or near 1500 North Market donated by the North Shreveport Business Association and currently designated for the construction of and use as a police substation to any other use, such a proposal shall require the Mayor's recommendation and the affirmative votes of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the council.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if any provisions or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications; and, to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:**

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City Attorney's Office