

ORDINANCE NO. 7 OF 2025

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND REQUIRING THE PURCHASE OF THE PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS AT 8509 LINE AVENUE, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA 71106 TO BE USED AS A POLICE SUBSTATION, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY: COUNCILMEMBERS TAYLOR, BROOKS, TALIAFERRO

WHEREAS, the 2021 General Obligation bond issuance was passed for the purpose of constructing, acquiring, and improving public facilities and equipment for (i) police department, and (ii) fire department, along with acquiring the necessary buildings, land and/or rights therein, equipment and furnishings; therefore, and

WHEREAS, the first issuance of the 2021 General Obligation bonds, Series 2022A, generated funding for three (3) police substations, which was allocated by the City Council in Ordinance 197 of 2022; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Shreveport City Charter Article 4, Section 4.19, the City Council of the City of Shreveport has determined that an emergency exists regarding the health and safety of its police officers due to the mold infestation, inadequate heating and cooling systems, and raw sewage in the Shreveport Police Station having created an environment that is hazardous to the well-being of law enforcement personnel such that the building must be vacated so that a newly remodeled station can be built; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Shreveport has determined that an emergency exists regarding the safety of the citizens and the public peace in southeast Shreveport if a police substation is not established in southeast Shreveport so that officers can timely respond to that area during the time period the police station is closed; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Shreveport finds that 8509 Line Avenue, Shreveport, Louisiana, 71106 is an ideal location for a police substation to resolve the emergencies created by the condition of the existing police station; and

WHEREAS, the owners(s) of the building located at 8509 Line Avenue, Shreveport, Louisiana 71106 have advised they are willing to sell this building to the City of Shreveport for a reasonable fair market value; and

WHEREAS, the Shreveport City Charter Article 4, Sections 4.17 and 4.19, this emergency ordinance can be introduced and adopted at the same hearing upon an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the council members; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, in due, legal and regular session convened, that the City of Shreveport shall purchase the property and improvements at 8509 Line Avenue, Shreveport, Louisiana 71106 to be used as a police substation for fair market value as determined by appraisal.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the mayor shall undertake all necessary actions to have said building appraised and purchased at the fair market value price.

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances and resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall become effective in accordance with the provisions of Shreveport City Charter Section 4.19.

THUS DONE AND ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

City Attorney's Office