OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE
OF THE
METROPOLITAN COUNCIL
OF THE
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE
AND THE
CITY OF BATON ROUGE

In accordance with Section 8.13 of the Plan of Government, the following current expense and capital budgets for the year 2019 are being published in the official journal. Further, notice is hereby given to all citizens of the City of Baton Rouge, Parish of East Baton Rouge and to all other interested persons that a public hearing on these budgets will be held by the Metropolitan Council on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 4:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers located on the third floor, room 348, of the Governmental Building, 222 St. Louis Street. At this meeting, the matter will then be recessed to the 4:00 P.M., December 11, 2018 meeting of the Metropolitan Council.

ORDINANCE

AMENDING THE PRELIMINARY CURRENT EXPENSE BUDGET AND CAPITAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF BATON ROUGE AND PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE FOR THE YEAR 2019 SUBMITTED BY THE MAYOR-PRESIDENT; AND ADOPTING THE FINAL CURRENT EXPENSE BUDGET AND CAPITAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF BATON ROUGE AND PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE FOR THE YEAR 2019.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Metropolitan Council of the Parish of East Baton Rouge and City of Baton Rouge that:

Section 1. The Preliminary Current Expense Budget and Capital Budget of the City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge for the year 2019 submitted by the Mayor-President and received and accepted by this Council, on November 5, 2018, and published in accordance with law in The Advocate, the Official Journal of the Parish of East Baton Rouge, on November 6, 2018, is hereby amended, as indicated on the attached schedules, so as to make the same read as set forth in detail in Section 2 hereof.

Section 2. As amended hereby, the said Preliminary Current Expense Budget and Capital Budget for the City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge for the year 2019 is hereby adopted on December 11, 2018, as the Final Current Expense Budget and Capital Budget for the City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge for the year 2019. A copy of the same being attached hereto and made part hereof.

Section 3. Formally establishing for the 2019 Calendar year a fund balance classification policy for the governmental funds of the City-Parish in accordance with implementation of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 54. This Statement establishes fund balance classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which a

government is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources in governmental funds.

Whereas, formal policies are required by GASB Statement No. 54 in order for the governing body to "commit" fund balance of a governmental fund, and to determine the body or official authorized to "assign" amounts to a specific purpose.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Metropolitan Council of the City of Baton Rouge, and the Parish of East Baton Rouge, Louisiana, as follows:

a. Governmental fund balance classification will consist of "nonspendable", "restricted", "committed", "assigned", and "unassigned".
b. When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which restricted, committed, assigned and unassigned fund balance are available, as a general rule, the City-Parish will apply expenditures first to restricted, committed, and assigned fund balances-in that order, with the remainder to unassigned fund balance.
c. Restricted fund balance will be reported for all funds that reflect constraints on spending due to legal restrictions stipulated by external parties, enabling legislation of the state or federal governments, and grant requirements placed on funds to be used for specific purposes.
d. Committed fund balance will be reported for the amount of fund balance that reflects the constraints that the City-Parish has imposed upon itself by formal action of the Metropolitan Council. Committed fund balance will include amounts set aside in the Insurance Reserve Account and the Budget Stabilization Account as included in the government's financial policies of the "Understanding the Budget" section of the annual adopted operating budget.
e. All encumbered contracts or outstanding obligations made by the City-Parish at year-end that are not part of restricted or committed funds will be shown as "assigned" fund balance.
f. The Metropolitan Council authorizes the Director of Finance or designee, to assign fund balance for other specific purposes at year-end.

Section 4. Certification is hereby given that all actions required by the Local Government Budget Act have been completed in compliance with L.R.S. 39:1306.

Section 5. In accordance with L.R.S. 39:1305, the following specifies the Mayor-President's authority to make budgetary amendments without approval of the governing authority:

> The Plan of Government of the Parish of East Baton Rouge and the City of Baton Rouge states in part "...if the Mayor-President shall at any time ascertain that there will not be for the Parish, the City, or its Districts, sufficient funds to meet total appropriations, it shall be his duty to revise appropriations so as to forestall the incurring of a deficit." (Section 8.16) Also, "The Mayor-President may at any time authorize the transfer of any unencumbered balance of an appropriation, or portion thereof, to supplement another appropriation made in the same budget to the same department, office or agency." (Section 8.17).