

On joint motion of all Councilmembers present, the following ordinance was offered, as amended:

SUMMARY NO. 24058 ORDINANCE NO. 24820

An ordinance amending the Jefferson Parish Charter, subject to approval by the electorate of Jefferson Parish; and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

THE JEFFERSON PARISH COUNCIL HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. That subsections 4 and 10 of Section 2.01(A) of the Jefferson Parish Charter are hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2.01. - Powers and Duties.

- (A) The Parish Council shall be the legislative and policy making body of the parish and shall have authority, except as otherwise provided by this Chapter, by the Constitution of this State, and specifically by Article XIV, Section 3(c) of the Constitution of 1921 and Article VI, of the Constitution of 1974, pertaining to the powers of the Sheriff, the Tax Assessor, the Clerk of the District Court, the School Board, and the incorporated municipalities of the parish, to exercise all powers of the parish, and to adopt such ordinances and resolutions as may be proper in the exercise thereof. Without limitation of the foregoing authority, the Council may:

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- (4) Make investigations of parish affairs by inquiring into the conduct of any department, office, agency, or special district of the parish, or of any person in the service of the parish, including the investigation of the accounts, records, and transactions of the department, office, agency, or special district and for these purposes subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, and require the production of books, papers, and other evidence; and any person who fails or refuses to obey any lawful order of the Council pursuant to this paragraph shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punishable in such manner as the Council shall fix by ordinance.

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- (10) In accordance with Section 2.01(A)(4), investigate any person in the service of the parish for lack of qualifications, neglect of duty, failure to comply with a lawful directive of the Council or gross misconduct in reference to that person's duties. The allegations in support of the investigation shall be presented in writing to the appointing authority and to the affected officer or employee, and if the appointing authority does not take appropriate disciplinary actions, the Council may order a hearing thereon, at which the affected officer or employee and the appointing authority shall have the right to be heard, to be represented by counsel, and to require the attendance of witnesses and the production of relevant books, papers, and other evidence. If, after hearing, the allegations against the affected officer or employee are confirmed, the officer or employee may be subjected to disciplinary action up to and including suspension or dismissal from parish service by the affirmative vote of a majority of the entire membership of the Council. The affected officer or employee may require that such hearing be held at an open meeting. The Council may by ordinance provide procedures for such investigations and hearings.

The provisions of this section shall neither diminish any authority of the Parish President, pursuant to Section 3.03(B) to remove any employee responsible to him, nor enhance any right of any unclassified officer or employee who serves at the pleasure of their appointing authority, nor preclude any right afforded elsewhere in this Charter or state law to employees in a classified service.

SECTION 2. That Sections 2.03(C) and 3.01(A) of the Jefferson Parish Charter are hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2.03. - Composition, Election, and Compensation.

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- (C) The salary of Council members shall be determined by ordinance, provided that no ordinance changing the salaries of Council members shall be passed during the last year of the term and that a salary change shall not become effective during the current term of the Council members adopting the ordinance. The Council members shall not be entitled to sick leave or annual leave benefits.

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Section 3.01. - Election of the Parish President.

- (A) The Parish President shall be the chief administrative officer of the parish government and shall have the same qualifications and be elected at the same time, and for the same term as provided in Section 2.03 for the Council member elected at large. The compensation of the Parish President shall be fixed and may be changed by ordinance of the Council, provided that the ordinance shall not be passed during the last year of the term and that no change shall become effective during the term in which it is voted. The Parish President is a full-time official of the Parish of Jefferson. The Parish President shall work exclusively for the Parish of Jefferson and shall perform no personal, professional, consulting or other services for compensation for any individual, business or entity. The Parish President may receive passive income as defined by The Internal Revenue Service (Publication 925, as amended). The Parish President may also receive portfolio income (income from paper investments such as capital gains, dividends, and interest income). The Parish President shall not be entitled to sick leave or annual leave benefits.

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SECTION 3. That subsections B and D of Section 2.07 of the Jefferson Parish Charter are hereby amended and that Section 6.09 is hereby added to the Jefferson Parish Charter to read as follows:

Section 2.07. - Ordinances and Resolutions.

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- (B) Every ordinance shall be introduced in writing, and after passage on first reading a summary shall be published in the official journal of the parish at least once together with a notice of the time and place when and where it will be given a public hearing and be considered for final passage. Proposed ordinances shall lay over at least six calendar days beginning the day after introduction before being considered by the Council for final passage. No ordinance shall be declared invalid by reason of any defect in publication or title if the published summary gives reasonable notice of its intent.

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- (D) After the public hearing, the Council may pass the ordinance with or without amendment. An amendment to a pending ordinance shall not require any additional period of days to lay over before being

considered by the Council for final passage. Upon passage of the ordinance by the Council, the ordinance shall be submitted to the Parish President as follows:

- (1) Every ordinance adopted by the Council shall be signed by the presiding officer or the Parish Clerk. The Parish Clerk shall certify to its passage, and it shall be presented to the President within three days after adoption, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. The Parish Clerk shall record upon the ordinance the date and hour of its delivery to the President.
- (2) Within ten days after the President's receipt of an ordinance, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, it shall be returned to the Parish Clerk with the President's approval or with the President's veto. The Parish Clerk shall record upon the ordinance the date and hour of its receipt from the President. If the proposed ordinance is vetoed, the President shall attach to the vetoed ordinance a written statement of the reasons for the veto. If the proposed ordinance is not signed or vetoed by the President within ten days after receipt, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, it shall be considered adopted. The veto statement shall be published in full in the official journal by the Parish Clerk as soon as practical thereafter. All ordinances vetoed by the President shall be vetoed in full, except that the President shall have the authority to veto individual appropriation items in the ordinances adopting the operating and capital budgets and amendments thereto.
- (3) Ordinances vetoed by the President shall be submitted to the Council by the Parish Clerk no later than the next regular meeting held after publication of the veto statement. Should the Council vote, not later than the second regular meeting held after receipt of the vetoed ordinance, to override the President's veto of the ordinance by the favorable vote of at least two thirds of its authorized membership, said ordinance shall be considered finally enacted and become law irrespective of the veto by the President. The procedure for overriding vetoed ordinances shall also apply to individual appropriation items in the operating and capital budgets vetoed by the Parish President.
- (4) The right of the President to veto as provided in this section shall apply to all ordinances adopted by the Council except ordinances: for reapportionments; for amendments to this Charter; establishing, altering or modifying Council procedure; appropriating funds for auditing or investigating any part of parish government; adopted pursuant to the initiatory and referendum procedures in Section 5.01; emergency ordinances; and, ordinances as may be otherwise exempt by this Charter. The President's veto authority shall not apply to resolutions.

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Section 6.09 Official Journal

The official public dissemination of advertisements, public notices, proclamations, and any other parish information required by law shall be in the "Official Journal" of the Parish. The requirements for the official journal shall be established by ordinance. Unless prohibited by applicable and preemptive state law, the Council may provide by ordinance that the official journal be a newspaper, or other print media, an electronic publication that may or may not have a print or newspaper counterpart, or any other lawfully authorized media for dissemination of information.

SECTION 4. That Section 4.02(A)(4) of the Jefferson Parish Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 4.02. - Financial Administration.

- (A) There shall be a department of finance headed by a Finance Director appointed by the Parish President. The Finance Director shall be qualified by special training and experience in public finance. His duties shall include, but shall not be restricted to, the following:

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- (4) To have custody as ex-officio parish treasurer of all public funds belonging to or controlled by the parish or any parish department, office, agency, or special district except those of the parish School Board, law enforcement district, and of the 24th Judicial District and officers thereof.

SECTION 5. That Section 4.01(B) and Section 4.03 of the Jefferson Parish Charter are hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 4.01. - Departments and Offices.

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- (B) There shall be departments of finance, civil service, planning, law, an office of inspector general and such other departments, offices, and agencies within the framework provided by this Charter as may be established by ordinance after consultation with the Parish President. The Council may create offices or departments only upon recommendation of the Parish President.

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Section 4.03 - Personnel and Civil Service Administration

- (A) It shall be the policy of the parish to employ those persons best qualified to perform the functions of the parish and to foster effective career service in parish employment. All appointments and promotions in the service of the parish and of each of its departments, offices, agencies, and special districts shall be made on the basis of merit and fitness, which shall be determined, insofar as practicable, by competitive test except that the following shall be in the unclassified service and shall not be subject to the provisions of Section 4.03 (C), (D) and (E), or any rules adopted pursuant thereto regarding appointment, promotion, discipline and dismissal:
- (1) Employees in the service of the Office of the Parish President.
 - (2) Employees in the service of the Offices of Council members.
 - (3) The directors of departments and heads of principal offices appointed by the Parish President or the Parish Council. The procedures prescribed in 4.03(E)(2) shall apply to the appointment of the Civil Service Director.
 - (4) The Parish Clerk.
 - (5) The Parish Attorney and employees in the service of the Parish Attorney.
- (B) The promotion, discipline and dismissal of employees in the service of the elected officials subject to this Charter shall be made by the appointing elected officials.
- (C) There shall be a civil service department consisting of a Civil Service Director, who shall be the executive head of the department, and a Civil Service Board, which shall be policy making and quasi-judicial in nature.
- (1) The Civil Service Director, who shall be in the classified service, shall be appointed, and may be removed, by the Civil Service Board. The Civil Service Director shall be qualified by special training and experience in public personnel administration and shall be responsible to the Board for the administration of the civil service system for the parish, including all parish departments, offices, agencies, and special districts in accordance with civil

service rules adopted pursuant to this section. The Civil Service Director shall not participate in, engage in or manage political activity of any kind on behalf of himself or others, except to exercise his right as a citizen to express his opinion privately, to serve as a commissioner or official watcher at the polls, and to cast his votes as he desires.

- (2) (a) The Civil Service Board shall be appointed by the Parish President as provided below and shall consist of five electors of Jefferson Parish, who hold no other public office or position in the parish and are legally domiciled and actually reside within the parish. Should the legal domicile and/or actual residence of any member change from the parish, the position shall automatically become vacant, which vacancy shall be filled as set out hereinafter. The terms of the members of the Board shall be for five years so arranged that the term of one member shall expire each year.
One member shall be appointed by the Parish President and approved by the Parish Council.
Four members shall be appointed by the Parish President from lists of three persons submitted by each of the Presidents or Chancellors of the following universities and colleges: Delgado Community College, Dillard University, Our Lady of Holy Cross College, Loyola University New Orleans, Tulane University, The University of New Orleans and Xavier University of Louisiana. The terms of the university nominations shall be designated as seats A, B, C, D, E, F, and G which shall serve on a rotational basis in accordance with procedures established by ordinance. Current Board members shall serve until March 31st in the final year of their respective current terms.
 - (b) After the expiration of the terms of the current members and after the initial appointment of new members to the Civil Service Board as set forth in subsection (a) herein is completed, all subsequent appointments to the Civil Service Board other than appointments to fill the remainder of a term for a member on the board whose term has not yet expired shall be for five year terms.
 - (c) For university nominated seats A, B, C, D, E, F, and G on the Civil Service Board, the Parish President shall submit the name of said nominee to the Council for its ratification within 30 days after nominations have been submitted to the President. Should the President fail to submit a nominee to the Council within 30 days, the first named nominee shall be considered by the Council; should the Council fail to ratify the nomination within 30 days of its receipt the nominee shall automatically become a member of the Board. Should any of the nominating universities or colleges fail to submit to the Parish President a list of three qualified nominees for board membership at least 30 days prior to the beginning of the term for which the member is to be appointed, the next university or college in the order, as set forth by ordinance, shall submit a list of three nominations.
- (3) (a) The terms of all new members on the Civil Service Board shall begin on April 1st of the year in which they are appointed and the terms of all members on the Civil Service Board, including existing members, shall expire on March 31st of the year in which the member's term is set to expire. Members who serve more than two years

and six months of any term shall not be eligible to be nominated or appointed to a successive term.

- (b) Members of the Civil Service Board who are appointed to fill vacancies for unexpired terms of board members shall be appointed in the same manner the vacating member was appointed and such members shall serve only for the remainder of the vacated term. The presidents or chancellors of the universities or colleges shall make such nominations within 30 days after any vacancy occurs
 - (c) A member of the Board may be removed for cause after notice by the President and public hearing by the Council. Members of the Board may be paid a per diem allowance and may be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in official duties as may be determined and approved by the Council.
- (D) The duties of the Civil Service Director shall include but shall not be restricted to the following:
- (1) To develop and, upon adoption, to administer a position classification plan which shall provide for the classification of all positions on the basis of the duties and responsibilities of each position. The classification plan shall be submitted to the Civil Service Board, and it shall become effective upon approval by the Civil Service Board after public hearing.
 - (2) To develop and, upon adoption, to administer a salary plan for all positions classified in the parish service. Such salary plan shall be submitted to the Civil Service Board, which, after public hearing, shall submit it, together with such amendments as it deems necessary, to the Council through the Parish President. The plan shall become effective upon approval by the Council by ordinance in accordance with Section 2.07.
 - (3) To prepare civil service rules to carry out the provisions of this section regarding the administration of the classification plan. These rules shall be submitted to the Civil Service Board which, after public hearing, shall make such amendments as it deems necessary and shall submit the proposed rules to the Council through the Parish President. These rules shall become effective upon approval by the Council. Such rules shall apply to all parish departments, offices, agencies, and special districts and shall provide for:
 - (a) Policies and procedures for the administration of the classification plan.
 - (b) Policies and procedures for the administration of the classified salary plan.
 - (c) Policies and methods for holding competitive tests to determine the merit and fitness of candidates for original appointment and promotion.
 - (d) The establishment and maintenance of lists of persons eligible for appointment by reason of successful participation in competitive tests and procedures for the certification of persons from the eligible lists for filling vacancies.
 - (e) The procedure for lay-off, suspension, demotion, and dismissal of employees, which shall provide for public hearings before the Civil Service Board in cases of demotion or dismissal of permanent employees.
 - (f) Hours of work, attendance regulations, and sick and vacation leave.
 - (g) Prohibition against political activity of classified employees and assessment for political purposes.

- (h) Other policies, practices, and procedures necessary to the administration of the parish civil service system.
- (E) The Civil Service Board shall review the classification plan, the classified pay plan, and the rules as provided in Section 4.03D and in addition thereto shall:
 - (1) Hold hearings on dismissals, demotions, and other disciplinary matters of classified personnel as may be provided in the rules. The decisions of the Civil Service Board in these matters shall be final.
 - (2) Examine candidates and select a qualified person for the position of Civil Service Director whenever there is a vacancy in the position.
 - (3) Make any investigation it deems desirable concerning personnel management in the parish classified service and report its findings to the Council through the Parish President. Nothing herein shall authorize the Civil Service Board to make an investigation of individual employees or conduct any investigation that compromises the quasi-judicial authority provided in sub-paragraphs (E)(1) and (E)(4).
 - (4) Perform such other policy making or quasi-judicial duties as may be required under the rules developed pursuant to this section.
- (F) All persons employed by the Parish shall be compensated only in accordance with pay plans adopted by ordinance of the Council. The pay plan for those persons who are in the classified service shall be established in accordance with the Sections 4.03 (D) and (E). The pay plan for employees who are in the unclassified service, as set forth in Section 4.03 (A), shall be developed after consultation with the Parish President and established by ordinance of the Council.
- (G) The Provisions of this Section shall not apply to:
 - (1) Employees or districts governed or regulated by the provisions of Article 10, Section 15 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974;
 - (2) Members of boards and commissions and other bodies who are not parish employees;
 - (3) Organizations and their employees and other persons who are engaged by the parish on a contractual basis;
 - (4) Hospital service districts;
 - (5) The Jefferson Parish Economic Development and Port Commission District;
 - (6) The Inspector General and employees in the service of the Inspector General; and
 - (7) The Ethics and Compliance Commission and employees in the service of the Ethics and Compliance Commission.

SECTION 6. That Section 4.04 of the Jefferson Parish Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 4.04. - Legal Services.

- 1) There shall be a department of law headed by a Parish Attorney, whose full time shall be devoted to the service of the parish. The Parish Attorney shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Council and shall serve at the will of the President. The Parish Attorney may appoint and remove employees in the service of the Parish Attorney. The Council by ordinance shall establish the minimum qualifications for employees in the service of the Parish Attorney.
- 2) The Parish Attorney shall serve as legal counsel to the Council, the President, and all parish departments, offices, agencies, and special districts, and perform such other legal duties as may be assigned or

prescribed by ordinance, resolution or administrative regulations adopted pursuant to this Charter.

- 3) The Parish Attorney, when authorized or directed by the President or the Council, shall have the power and authority to prosecute, defend, or intervene in any and all suits, proceedings or other legal matters in which the Parish is a party or has an interest.
- 4) Notwithstanding any provisions of the Charter to the contrary, the Council may retain or employ an attorney or counsel to represent it in any special matter; and the Council, as governing authority of any special district, may retain or employ or authorize the employment of any attorney or counsel to represent said district in any special matter.

SECTION 7. That subsections 1 and 2 of Section 4.05 of the Jefferson Parish Charter and that Section 4.06 of the Jefferson Parish Charter are hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 4.05. - Planning.

There shall be a planning department headed by a Director appointed by the President. The Director shall be qualified by special training and experience in the field of planning. Under the supervision of the President and with the advice of the Planning Board elsewhere provided for in this Charter, the Planning Director shall:

- (1) Conduct studies necessary to prepare official maps and other maps, plats, charts, and reports which taken together will constitute a proposed master plan for the social, economic, and physical development of the parish. Such proposed plan shall be submitted to the Planning Board for review and shall include, but shall not be limited to, recommendations for: the most desirable density of population in the various parts of the parish; the most desirable use of land for residential, commercial, agricultural, industrial, and other purposes; a system of principal streets, highways, and other public ways; parks, playgrounds, and recreation; the general location, relocation, and improvement of public buildings; the extent and general location of public utilities, whether privately or publicly owned, for water, sewerage, drainage, light, power, transit, and other purposes; the extent and general location of air, water, rail, and bus terminals; the extent and location of public housing projects.
- (2) After review by the Board, prepare and recommend ordinances designed to effectuate the plans including, but without limitation, zoning, subdivision, and other regulations necessary to insure the application of such regulations to all situations in the parish not covered by municipal regulations and to insure the coordination of capital improvements proposed in the parish budget.

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Section 4.06. - Boards and Commissions.

- 1) The Parish Council shall create by ordinance a Planning Board and a Board of Zoning Adjustments, prescribing in each case the number, manner of appointment, length of term, and advisory, policy-making or quasi-judicial duties of members of such boards, who may be paid a per diem allowance and may be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in official duties, as may be determined and approved by the Parish Council.
- 2) The Parish Council may create by ordinance such other boards or commissions as it deems necessary, prescribing in each case the number, manner of appointment, length of term, and advisory, policy-making or quasi-judicial duties of members of such boards or commissions.
- 3) The Council shall be the sole legislative authority of the parish. No legislative authority shall be delegated to or exercised by any board or

commission.

SECTION 8. That Section 4.09(D)(2) of the Jefferson Parish Charter is hereby amended and that Section 4.09(E) is hereby added to the Jefferson Parish Charter to read as follows:

Section 4.09. - Inspector General.

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- (2) Any funds remaining at the end of the fiscal year shall be carried over to future fiscal years. Carryover funds exceeding an amount equal to the proceeds of the most recent annual special tax dedicated to the office of inspector general and the ethics and compliance commission shall be forwarded to the parish general fund.

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- (E) An investigation within the purview of the Inspector General shall take preference and priority over any investigation of the same person or activity conducted by the Parish. Should the Inspector General determine that an investigation being conducted by the Parish is interfering with an investigation being conducted by the Office of the Inspector General, and the investigating party does not voluntarily agree to suspend such investigation, the Inspector General may issue a Cease and Desist Order directing that the interfering investigation stop and not proceed until such time as the investigation conducted by the Office of the Inspector General is completed.

SECTION 9. That Section 4.10(B) of the Jefferson Parish Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 4.10. Ethics and Compliance Commission.

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- (B) The commission shall consist of five members, all of whom shall be domiciled in and electors of the Parish, who shall be appointed by the Parish President from lists of three nominees each submitted by the presidents or chancellors of Tulane University, Loyola University New Orleans, Xavier University of Louisiana, The University of New Orleans, and Delgado Community College. All appointments shall be confirmed by a majority of the members of the Parish Council. The first members shall be appointed for terms of one, two, three, four, and five years, respectively; thereafter appointments shall be for five-year terms. Appointments shall be made by the Parish President within 30 days after nominations have been submitted. Should the President fail to appoint within 30 days, the first named nominee shall automatically be submitted to the Council for confirmation. Should the Council fail to confirm or reject the appointee within 30 days, the nominee shall automatically become a member of the commission. Whenever the term of a commission member expires or there is a vacancy in an unexpired term, the replacement appointment shall be made in the same manner as the original appointment was made. A member of the commission may be removed for cause after notice by the President and public hearing by the Council. No member may hold any elective or appointed position with the Parish or with any other government or political party office or have held such position within two years before appointment to the commission. Nominees for appointment should be knowledgeable in governmental ethics, legal or forensic investigations, or finances and audits. Additional qualifications for appointment to the commission may be established by ordinance.

SECTION 10. That the section heading of Section 6.01 of the Jefferson Parish Charter is hereby amended and that Section 6.01(D) and Section 6.01(E) are hereby added to the Jefferson Parish Charter to read as follows:

Section 6.01. - Abolition of Certain Offices, Transfer of Functions, and Governance of Special Districts.

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- (D) (1) The organization and structure for the administration and supervision of hospital service districts in force on the effective date of this paragraph shall continue in effect until modified in the manner provided by this Charter.
- (2) The Parish Council shall serve as the governing authority of any hospital service district whose boundaries are wholly within the boundaries of the parish and shall provide by ordinance for the administration and supervision of said districts. The council may create by ordinance one or more hospital service district boards to oversee the administration and supervision of said districts, prescribing in each case the number, manner of appointment, length of term, and advisory, quasi-judicial or policy-making duties of members of such boards.
- (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 3.03 or other provisions of the Charter, the Parish President shall not be responsible for, nor have authority to administer or supervise any hospital service district but shall have the authority to appoint a member to any board created pursuant to paragraph (D)(2).
- (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 4.02 or other provisions of the Charter, the Finance Director shall not be responsible for, nor have authority to administer or supervise, the budget, purchasing, accounting, or any aspects of the financial administration of any hospital service district, unless specifically provided by ordinance.
- (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 4.03 (A) through (E) or other provisions of the Charter, the Civil Service Director and the Civil Service Board shall not be responsible for, nor have authority for the administration of the personnel system or pay plan of any hospital service district.
- (6) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 4.04 or other provisions of the Charter, the Council, as governing authority of any hospital service district, may retain or employ or authorize the employment of any attorney or counsel to represent said district generally or in any special matter.
- (7) The proceeds derived from the sale or lease of any or all of the assets of a hospital service district shall be sequestered by the Department of Finance in an interest-bearing fund. The principal in any such fund shall not be available for expenditure, The annual budget of the parish may include expenditures of up to eighty percent (80%) of the interest derived from any such fund, and all such expenditures shall be made in conformance with the purposes for which the hospital district from which the funds were derived was established.
- (E) (1) The organization and structure and responsibility for the functions, management, affairs, operation, administration and supervision of the Jefferson Parish Economic Development and Port District in force on the effective date of this paragraph shall continue in effect until modified in accordance with law.
- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 3.03 or other provisions of the Charter, the Parish President shall not be

responsible for, nor have authority to administer or supervise said district; the Parish Council may exercise such powers as are necessary to govern such functions, management, affairs, operation, administration and supervision of said district in accordance with law.

- (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 4.02 or other provisions of the Charter, the Finance Director shall not be responsible for, nor have authority to administer or supervise, the budget, purchasing, accounting, or any aspects of the financial administration of said district, unless specifically provided by ordinance.
- (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 4.03 (A) through (E) or other provisions of the Charter, the Civil Service Director and the Civil Service Board shall not be responsible for, nor have authority for the administration of the personnel system or pay plan of said district.
- (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 4.04 or other provisions of the Charter, the Council, may retain or employ or authorize the employment of any attorney or counsel to represent said district generally or in any special matter.

SECTION 11. That Section 6.08 of the Jefferson Parish Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 6.08. - Charter Review.

The Council shall provide for the automatic review of this Charter at least once every ten years through appointment of a Charter Advisory Committee. The Council, by ordinance, shall provide for the method of appointment of members of the Charter Advisory Committee. Members of the Committee shall serve without compensation and shall submit their recommendations for Charter amendments, if any, to the Council for its consideration.

The Council by ordinance shall establish a repository for all Charter Advisory Committee records.

SECTION 12. That no amendment to the Jefferson Parish Charter as set forth herein shall become effective until and unless said amendment is ratified by a majority of the electors of Jefferson Parish voting in an election held for this purpose in conformance with Section 6.07 of the Jefferson Parish Charter and with all election laws of the State of Louisiana.

The foregoing ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: 7 NAYS: None ABSENT: None

This ordinance was declared to be adopted on **the 3rd day of September, 2014**, and shall become effective as follows, if signed forthwith by the Parish President, ten (10) days after adoption; thereafter, upon the signature by the Parish President, or, if not signed by the Parish President, upon expiration of the time for ordinances to be considered finally adopted without the signature of the Parish President, as provided in Section 2.07 of the Charter. If vetoed by the Parish President and subsequently approved by the Council, this ordinance shall become effective on the day of such approval.