

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF THIBODAUX  
CITY HALL  
THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA  
APRIL 4, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Thibodaux assembled in regular session at its regular meeting place, City Hall, 310 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Thibodaux, Louisiana, on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 5:00 P.M.

There were present: Councilwoman Crochet, Councilmen Richard, Taylor, Naquin and Mire.

There were also present: Mayor Kevin Clement and Beau Brooks.

Absent: None.

The minutes of the March 21, 2023 City Council Meeting were approved as written.

Mayor Clement read a Proclamation declaring April 2023 as Child Abuse Prevention Month and presented the Proclamation to Shannon Gros, a representative from the District Attorney's Office.

The City wishes to contract with Artisan Pyrotechnics in order for them to provide the fireworks show for the 2023 Let Freedom Ring Festival. The cost for this year's show is \$15,200.00, and the City is applying for funding through the Lorio Foundation to help cover the cost of this service.

On motion of Councilman Richard, seconded by Councilman Naquin, the Council voted on a resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign a Professional Services Contract with Artisan Pyrotechnics, Inc. for the 2023 Let Freedom Ring Festival. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

**YEAS:** Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin, Mire

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

**ABSENT:** None

***RESOLUTION NO. 2467***

***A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A  
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH ARTISAN  
PYROTECHNICS, INC. FOR THE 2023 LET FREEDOM RING  
FESTIVAL***

***BE IT RESOLVED*** by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux in regular session assembled, that:

***WHEREAS***, the City provides the fireworks show at Nicholls State University for the Let Freedom Ring Festival which will be held on July 4, 2023; and

***WHEREAS***, the City wishes to utilize the services of Artisan Pyrotechnics, Inc. to provide the fireworks show at the festival for a fee of \$15,200.00; and

***WHEREAS***, it is necessary to execute a professional services contract with Artisan Pyrotechnics, Inc. in order to outline the terms and conditions for the services to be rendered in conjunction with the fireworks show.

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*** by the City Council that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute a professional services contract with Artisan Pyrotechnics, Inc. for the services outlined hereinabove.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of the said agreement is attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and thereby made a part hereof.

The above resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

**YEAS:** Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin, Mire

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

**ABSENT:** None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant  
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Chad J. Mire  
Chad J. Mire, President

The City has an opportunity to request funding through HUD for Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds to help in the long term recovery from Hurricane Ida in a HUD Opportunity Zone, specifically Martin Luther King Park. The City has requested that T. Baker Smith perform design and master planning services for a Community Recreation Complex Facility that could be constructed with this funding.

The proposed agreement stipulates that T. Baker Smith will provide these services for the City for a fee of \$23,500.00.

On motion of Councilman Naquin, seconded by Councilman Richard, the Council voted on a resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute an engineering contract with T. Baker Smith for Master Planning Services for the proposed Community Recreation Complex Facility. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

**YEAS:** Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin, Mire

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

**ABSENT:** None

***RESOLUTION NO. 2468***

***A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN  
ENGINEERING CONTRACT WITH T. BAKER SMITH FOR  
MASTER PLANNING SERVICES FOR THE PROPOSED  
COMMUNITY RECREATION COMPLEX FACILITY***

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux in regular session assembled, that;

**WHEREAS**, the City wishes to develop a master plan for a proposed Community Recreation Complex facility that could potentially be funded through CDBG Disaster Recovery as part of Hurricane Ida long term recovery at MLK Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor has selected T. Baker Smith to perform the site inventory, master plan, and site rendering and story board for this Project for a fee of \$23,500.00; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to execute a contract with the said engineering firm for the services to be rendered in conjunction with this project.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute an engineering contract with T. Baker Smith for the proposed Community Recreation Complex Facility.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of the said contract is attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and thereby made a part hereof.

The above resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

**YEAS:** Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin, Mire

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

**ABSENT:** None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant  
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Chad J. Mire  
Chad J. Mire, President

The City received bids on March 20, 2023 for the 2021/2022 CDBG Project that includes the construction of sidewalks from Louise Street to Tiger Drive along Plantation Road with drainage improvements as needed, as designed by David Waitz Engineering.

The lowest responsible bid was received from TD Construction Group, LLC with the bid in the amount of \$149,460.00. The Engineer is recommending that the City Council accept the low bid from TD Construction and authorize the Mayor to execute the construction contract with the contractor.

On motion of Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Crochet, the Council voted on a resolution accepting the low bid of TD Construction Group, LLC for the 2021/2022 CDBG Project – Construction of sidewalks on Plantation Road from Louise Street to Tiger Drive and authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract therewith. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

**YEAS:** Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin, Mire

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

**ABSENT:** None

***RESOLUTION NO. 2469***

***A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF TD CONSTRUCTION GROUP, LLC FOR THE 2021/2022 CDBG PROJECT-CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS ON PLANTATION ROAD FROM LOUISE STREET TO TIGER DRIVE AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT THEREWITH***

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux in regular session assembled, that;

**WHEREAS**, the City has received bids for the 2021/2022 CDBG Project which includes the construction of sidewalks from Louise Street to Tiger Drive along Plantation Road and addressing drainage as needed; and

**WHEREAS**, the lowest responsible bid was received from TD Construction Group, LLC with the bid in the amount of \$149,460.00; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to consider the acceptance of the low bid and execute a contract with the said contractor for the services mentioned hereinbefore.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City does hereby accept the low bid submitted by TD Construction Group, LLC in the amount of \$149,460.00.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the City Council that the Mayor be and is

hereby authorized to execute a contract with TD Construction Group, LLC for the project stated herein.

The above resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

**YEAS:** Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin, Mire

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

**ABSENT:** None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant  
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Chad J. Mire  
Chad J. Mire, President

The City receives funds from Lafourche Parish for our portion of the funding they receive through the Parish Transportation Fund Act established by the State Legislature. The City received approximately \$135,000.00 each year from this program. In order to expend the funds, the City must compile, and the Council must approve a road priority ranking list. David Waitz Engineering compiled a list for the City using a scale of 1-5, with 1 being the best road condition and 5 being the worst.

This list was compiled in 2021, but was not properly accepted by the City Council, so in order for the City to spend these funds in compliance with the provisions of LA R.S. 48:751 – 48:762, the Parish Transportation Fund Act, I have prepared a resolution for your consideration that approves the road priority ranking list as prepared by David Waitz.

On motion of Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Crochet, the Council voted on a resolution approving a road priority ranking list in accordance with the provisions of the Parish Transportation Fund Act. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

**YEAS:** Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin, Mire

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**RESOLUTION NO. 2470**

***A RESOLUTION APPROVING A ROAD PRIORITY RANKING LIST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE PARISH TRANSPORTATION FUND ACT***

***BE IT RESOLVED*** by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux in regular session assembled, that;

***WHEREAS***, LA R.S. 48:751-48:762 establishes the Parish Transportation Fund Act which provides funding to Parish Governments for the maintenance, construction, and repair of local roads; and

***WHEREAS***, the City of Thibodaux receives funds from the Lafourche Parish Government for our portion of the funding they receive through the Parish Transportation Fund Act; and

***WHEREAS***, the Parish Transportation Fund Act requires that all funds expended from this program shall be used for the maintenance, construction, and repair of local roads in accordance with a road priority ranking list using a scale of “5” for roads in the worst condition to “1” for roads in the best condition; and

**WHEREAS**, David Waitz Engineering has compiled a road priority ranking list of all City streets that must be approved by the legislative body as required by the Parish Transportation Fund Act.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Thibodaux City Council does hereby approve the Road Priority Ranking List as prepared by David Waitz Engineering in accordance with the provisions of LA R.S. 48:751 – 48:762, the Parish Transportation Fund Act.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of the Road Priority Ranking List is attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and thereby made a part hereof.

The above resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

**YEAS:** Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin, Mire

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

**ABSENT:** None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant  
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Chad J. Mire  
Chad J. Mire, President

On January 3, 2023, the Council authorized the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives to assign officers to a Task Force for the investigation and prosecution of those individuals criminally misusing and/or trafficking firearms. The Chief has received a revised agreement that changes the agreement period, and it now terminates on September 30, 2027 instead of December 31, 2027.

On motion of Councilman Naquin, seconded by Councilman Richard, the Council voted on an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

**YEAS:** Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin, Mire

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ORDINANCE NO. 3267**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO  
SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE  
BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS, AND  
EXPLOSIVES**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux in regular session assembled, that:

**WHEREAS**, the Thibodaux Police Department (TPD) wishes to partner with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) for the investigation and prosecution of those individuals criminally misusing and/or illegally trafficking firearms; and

**WHEREAS**, the TPD is in agreement to assign officers to the Task Force to provide information and intelligence of illegal firearms trafficking with the ATF for the period beginning upon the execution of the MOU and terminates at the close of business on September 30, 2027; and

**WHEREAS**, the agreement outlines the terms and responsibilities to which each party will adhere to in order to participate in the Task Force.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to sign a memorandum of understanding with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives for the investigation and prosecution of illegally trafficking firearms as outlined above.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and thereby made a part hereof.

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

**YEAS:** Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin, Mire

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

**ABSENT:** None

And the above ordinance was declared adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant  
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Chad J. Mire  
Chad J. Mire, President

Nicholls State University hosts the Manning Camp during the summer, which generates an estimated \$2.5 million impact on our local economy. The University has requested that the City partner with them and provide the necessary personnel and equipment to mow the grass fields between John L. Guidry Stadium and the Thibodaux Regional Medical Center property line, and to provide the paint required to paint the lines on the fields. The University has agreed to provide all fuel needed to operate the equipment used to maintain those fields, and to provide the personnel to paint the lines of the fields as needed during the Manning Camp.

On motion of Councilman Richard, seconded by Councilman Taylor, the Council voted on an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Nicholls State University for the 2023 Manning Camp. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

**YEAS:** Richard, Taylor, Naquin, Mire

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINED:** Crochet

**ABSENT:** None

**ORDINANCE NO. 3268**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO  
EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR  
AGREEMENT WITH NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY  
FOR THE 2023 MANNING CAMP**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux in regular session assembled, that:

**WHEREAS**, Nicholls State University is the host of the Manning Camp which provides an estimated \$2.5 million economic impact to the City, Parish, and Region; and

**WHEREAS**, the University and City desire to work together to provide the best possible services to the participants and attendees of the Manning Camp; and

**WHEREAS**, the City will provide the appropriate personnel and equipment required for mowing the grass of the fields between John L. Guidry Stadium and

the Thibodaux Regional Medical Center property line, and also provide the necessary paint for the marking of the field lines of the aforementioned fields; and

*WHEREAS*, Nicholls State University will provide the fuel for the equipment used by the City for this mowing service, and will be responsible for painting the field lines; and

*WHEREAS*, in order for the City to provide this service to the University it is necessary to execute a cooperative endeavor agreement with Nicholls State University outlining the terms and purpose of the cooperative effort between the two public agencies; and

*WHEREAS*, in order for the City to execute this proposed agreement it is necessary for the Council to authorize the Mayor to do so.

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED* by the City Council that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Nicholls State University under the conditions mentioned hereinabove for the 2023 Manning Camp.

*BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED* that a copy of the said agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and thereby made a part hereof.

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

**YEAS:** Richard, Taylor, Naquin, Mire

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINED:** Crochet

**ABSENT:** None

And the above ordinance was declared adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant  
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Chad J. Mire  
Chad J. Mire, President

The new subdivision behind the Walmart Neighborhood Market located in Terrebonne Parish is owned by RR and DD, LLC, which David Duplantis is the Managing Member, and that subdivision will be utilizing the City’s sewer line that runs along Duplantis Street which is adjacent to their property. The developer installed 8” sewer lines, sewer manholes, sewer services, and 4” sewer force main. The property owner would like to dedicate the sewer improvements to the City in order for us to provide all maintenance and repairs on the system. In order to accomplish this, it is necessary to execute an Act of Dedication with RR and DD, LLC.

The agreement stipulates that the City will accept responsibility for the repair and maintenance of the lift station, upon the collection of an impact fee from the property owner in the amount of \$10.00. The City will also receive sewer service charges from each household in the subdivision through a collection agreement with Terrebonne Parish Waterworks. They will collect our sewer fees from each property based on their water consumption, and remit a monthly payment to the City.

On motion of Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Crochet, the Council voted on an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute an Act of Dedication with RR and DD, LLC for the sewer lift station, force main and servitude located within Benjamin Estates Subdivision in Terrebonne Parish. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

**YEAS:** Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin, Mire

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ORDINANCE NO. 3269**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN ACT OF DEDICATION WITH RR AND DD, LLC FOR THE SEWER LIFT STATION, FORCE MAIN, AND SERVITUDE LOCATED WITHIN THE BENJAMIN ESTATES SUBDIVISION IN TERREBONNE PARISH**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux in regular session assembled, that:

**WHEREAS**, RR and DD, LLC developed a sewer lift station and force main in conjunction with the construction of the Benjamin Estates Subdivision located in Terrebonne Parish; and

**WHEREAS**, the property owners wish to dedicate an exclusive ten (10') foot sewer servitude, the sewer lift station improvements including 8" sewer lines, sewer manholes, sewer services, and 4" sewer force main, with the City being responsible for all repairs and maintenance to the lift station improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, in consideration for the City acquiring all repair and maintenance responsibility for the sewer lift station repairs, the City will collect sewer fees from the individual property owners through Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Water District based on their monthly water usage, and the developers will pay an impact fee to the City in the amount of ten (\$10.00) dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for the City Council to authorize the Mayor to execute an Act of Dedication with RR and DD, LLC outlining the terms and conditions of this agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux that the City does hereby authorize the Mayor to execute an Act of Dedication with RR and DD, LLC for the dedication of the sewer lift station improvements as outlined hereinabove.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that a copy of the Act of Dedication is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and thereby made a part hereof.

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

**YEAS: Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin, Mire**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSTAINED: None**

**ABSENT: None**

And the above ordinance was declared adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant  
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Chad J. Mire  
Chad J. Mire, President

The Lafourche Parish Government is entering into an agreement with the State of Louisiana for the Parish to receive funds from the Hurricane Ida Recovery Fund. The City's portion of this funding is \$1,000,000.00, and the City has to execute that agreement as a recipient of funds through the program.

Due to the deadlines given to the Parish to execute and file all require documents for this funding, the Mayor was required to sign the agreement on March 14, 2023, therefore, the Council must adopt an ordinance to ratify the Mayor's execution of the agreement.



On motion of Councilman Naquin, seconded by Councilman Taylor, the Council voted on an ordinance to ratify the Mayor's execution of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Lafourche Parish Government and the State of Louisiana as a recipient of funding through the Hurricane Ida Recovery Fund. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

**YEAS:** Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin, Mire

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ORDINANCE NO. 3270**

**AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING THE MAYOR'S EXECUTION OF A  
COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE  
LAFOURCHE PARISH GOVERNMENT AND THE STATE OF  
LOUISIANA AS A RECIPIENT OF FUNDING THROUGH THE  
HURRICANE IDA RECOVERY FUND**

*BE IT ORDAINED* by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux in regular session assembled, that:

*WHEREAS*, the State of Louisiana has allocated \$9,672,195.00 to Lafourche Parish through the Hurricane Ida Recovery Fund to be dispersed to political subdivisions of the Parish with the City of Thibodaux being the recipient of a \$1,000,000.00 allocation based on our Hurricane Ida reported damages; and

*WHEREAS*, the Parish is required to enter into an Agreement with the State of Louisiana in order for them to receive the funds, and the City must also execute this agreement as a recipient of a portion of those funds; and

*WHEREAS*, in order to meet the deadline the State has imposed on Lafourche Parish to submit the executed agreement, the Mayor was required to sign the agreement on March 14, 2023 prior to the adoption of the authorization ordinance; and

*WHEREAS*, in order to properly authorize the Mayor's execution of the aforementioned agreement, it is necessary for the Council to adopt an ordinance ratifying this execution

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED* by the City Council that the Mayor's execution of the agreement between the Lafourche Parish Government and the State of Louisiana on March 14, 2023 as a recipient of funds from the Hurricane Ida Recovery Fund is hereby ratified.

*BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED* that a copy of the said agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and thereby made a part hereof.

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

**YEAS:** Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin, Mire

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

**ABSENT:** None

And the above ordinance was declared adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant  
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Chad J. Mire  
Chad J. Mire, President

The Assistant City Prosecutor has found LA Revised Statutes that either need to be added or amended in Chapter 7 of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances, which establishes a local criminal code to be prosecuted in City Court.

On motion of Councilman Richard, seconded by Councilman Taylor, the Council voted on an ordinance to amend and re-enact Chapter 7 of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances – Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

**YEAS:** Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin, Mire

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

**ABSENT:** None

***ORDINANCE NO. 3271***

***AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT CHAPTER 7 OF  
THE THIBODAUX CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES – OFFENSES  
AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS***

***BE IT ORDAINED*** by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux in regular session assembled, that Chapter 7 of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and re-enacted so as to amend certain Sections and include additional Sections as follows:

**ARTICLE V. - ASSAULT AND BATTERY AND RELATED OFFENSES**

**Sec. 34.8 - Battery of emergency room personnel, emergency services personnel, or a healthcare professional**

- A. (1) Battery of emergency room personnel, emergency services personnel, or a healthcare professional is battery committed without the consent of the victim when the offender has reasonable grounds to believe that the victim is emergency room personnel, emergency services personnel, or a healthcare professional acting in the performance of his duties.**
- (2) The use of force of violence upon the person of emergency room personnel, emergency services personnel, or a healthcare professional by throwing feces, urine, blood, saliva, or any form of human waste by an offender while the offender is transported to or from a medical facility or while being evaluated or treated in a medical facility shall also constitute battery of emergency room personnel, emergency services personnel, or a healthcare professional.**
- B. For purposes of this Section:**
- (1) “Emergency room personnel” includes a person in a hospital emergency department who, in the course and scope of his employment or as a volunteer, provides services or medical care, or who assists in the providing of services or medical care, for the benefit of the general public during emergency situations. “Emergency room personnel” shall include but not be limited to any healthcare professional, emergency department clerk, emergency department technician, student, and emergency department volunteer working in the hospital emergency department.**
- (2) “Emergency services personnel” means any “emergency medical services personnel” as defined by R.S. 40:1075.3 or any “EMS practitioners” as defined by R.S. 40:1131.**
- (3) “Healthcare professional” means a person licensed or certified by this state to provide healthcare or professional services as a physician, physician assistant, dentist, registered or licensed practical nurse or certified nurse assistant, advanced practice registered nurse, certified emergency medical technician, paramedic, certified registered nurse anesthetist, nurse practitioner, respiratory therapist, clinical nurse specialist, pharmacist, optometrist, podiatrist, chiropractor, physical therapist, occupational therapist, licensed radiologic technologist, licensed clinical laboratory scientist, licensed professional counselor, certified social worker, psychologist, patient transporter, dietary worker, patient access representative, security personnel, patient relations advocate, or any other person who otherwise assists in or supports the performance of healthcare services.**
- C. (1)(a) Whoever commits the crime of battery of emergency room personnel, emergency services personnel, or a healthcare professional shall be fined**

not more than one thousand dollars and imprisoned for not less than fifteen days nor more than six months. At least forty-eight hours of the sentence imposed shall be without benefit of suspension of sentence.

(b) Whoever commits a second or subsequent offense of battery of emergency room personnel, emergency services personnel, or a healthcare professional shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars and imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not less than one year nor more than three years. At least forty-five days of the sentence imposed shall be served without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence.

(2)(a) If the battery produces an injury that requires medical attention, the offender shall be fined not more than five thousand dollars and imprisoned with or without hard labor for not less than one year nor more than five years. At least sixty days of the sentence imposed shall be served without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence.

(b) If the battery produces an injury that requires medical attention, and the offense is a second or subsequent offense, the offender shall be fined not more than ten thousand dollars and shall be imprisoned with or without hard labor for not less than two nor more than five years. At least ninety days of the sentence imposed shall be served without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence.

**Sec. 7-38.5. - Assault on emergency room personnel, emergency services personnel, or a healthcare professional**

**A. (1) Assault on emergency room personnel, emergency services personnel, or a healthcare professional is an assault committed when the offender has reasonable grounds to believe the victim is an emergency room personnel, emergency services personnel, or a healthcare professional acting in the performance of his duties.**

**(2) For purposes of this Section:**

(a) "Assault" shall have the same definition as in R.S. 14:36 but shall additionally include making statements threatening physical harm to an emergency room personnel, emergency services personnel, or a healthcare professional.

(b) "Emergency room personnel" shall have the same definitions as in R.S. 14:34.8.

(c) "Emergency services personnel" shall have the same definitions as in R.S. 14:34.8.

(d) "Healthcare professional" shall have the same definitions as in R.S. 14:34.8.

**B. Whoever commits the crime of assault on emergency room personnel, emergency services personnel, or a healthcare professional shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned for not less than thirty days nor more than one hundred eighty days, or both.**

#### **ARTICLE VI. - OFFENSES AFFECTING PROPERTY**

**Sec. 67.12. - Theft of a catalytic converter or engine control module**

**A. Theft of a catalytic converter or engine control module is the misappropriation or taking of a catalytic converter or engine control module which belongs to another, either without the consent of the owner to the misappropriation or taking, or by means of fraudulent conduct, practices, or representations. An intent to deprive the owner permanently of the catalytic converter or engine control module is essential.**

**B. (1) Whoever commits the crime of theft of a catalytic converter or engine control module when the misappropriation or taking and any related damage amounts to a value of twenty-five thousand dollars or more shall be imprisoned at hard labor for not less than ten years nor more than twenty years, or may be fined not more than fifty thousand dollars, or both.**

**(2) When the misappropriation or taking and any related damage amounts to a value of five thousand dollars or more, but less than a value of twenty-five thousand dollars, the offender shall be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not less than five years nor more than ten years, or may be fined not more than ten thousand dollars, or both.**

- (3) When the misappropriation or taking and any related damage amounts to a value of one thousand dollars or more, but less than a value of five thousand dollars, the offender shall be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not less than two years nor more than five years, or may be fined not more than three thousand dollars, or both.
- (4) When the misappropriation or taking and any related damage amounts to a value of less than one thousand dollars, the offender shall be imprisoned for not less than ninety days nor more than six months, or may be fined not more than one thousand dollars, or both.
- C. If the offender has been convicted under this Section two or more times previously, upon any subsequent conviction he shall be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for an additional year to be served consecutively to the sentence imposed under Subsection B of this Section, or may be fined an additional one thousand dollars, or both.
- D. When there has been a misappropriation or taking by a number of distinct acts of the offender, the aggregate of the amount of the misappropriations or taking and any related damage shall determine the grade of the offense.
- E. For the purposes of this Section, "engine control module" means the electronic control unit of the vehicle that controls a series of actuators which ensures that the vehicle operates at optimal performance by monitoring all sensors in the engine bay.

**ARTICLE VII. - OFFENSES AFFECTING THE PUBLIC MORALS**

**DIVISION 1. – GENERALLY**

**Sec. 81.1.1. - "Sexting"; prohibited acts; penalties**

- A. (1) No person under the age of seventeen years shall knowingly and voluntarily use a computer or telecommunication device to transmit an indecent visual depiction of himself to another person.
- (2) No person under the age of seventeen years shall knowingly possess or transmit an indecent visual depiction that was transmitted by another under the age of seventeen years in violation of the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection.
- B. For purposes of this Section:
  - (1) "Indecent visual depiction" means any photograph, videotape, film, or other reproduction of a person under the age of seventeen years engaging in sexually explicit conduct, and includes data stored on any computer, telecommunication device, or other electronic storage media which is capable of conversion into a visual image.
  - (2) "Sexually explicit conduct" means masturbation or lewd exhibition of the genitals, pubic hair, anus, vulva, or female breast nipples of a person under the age of seventeen years.
  - (3) "Telecommunication device" means an analog or digital electronic device which processes data, telephonic, video, or sound transmission as part of any system involved in the sending or receiving of voice, sound, data, or video transmissions.
  - (4) "Transmit" means to give, distribute, transfer, transmute, circulate, or disseminate by use of a computer or telecommunication device.
- C. Any offense committed by use of a computer or telecommunication device as set forth in this Section shall be deemed to have been committed at either the place from which the indecent visual depiction was transmitted or at the place where the indecent visual depiction was received.
- D. (1) For a violation of the provisions of Paragraph (A) (1) of this Section, the offender's disposition shall be governed exclusively by the provisions of Title VII of the Louisiana Children's Code.
- (2)(a) For a first offense in violation of Paragraph (A) (2) of this Section, the offender shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than two hundred fifty dollars, imprisoned for not more than ten days, or both. Imposition or execution of the sentence shall not be suspended unless the offender is placed on probation with a minimum condition that he perform two eight-hour days of court-approved community service.
- (b) For a second offense in violation of Paragraph (A) (2) of this Section, the offender shall be fined not less than two hundred fifty dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, imprisoned for not less than ten days nor more

than thirty days, or both. Imposition or execution of the sentence shall not be suspended unless the offender is placed on probation with a minimum condition that he perform five eight-hour days of court-approved community service.

- (c) For a third or any subsequent offense in violation of Paragraph (A) (2) of this Section, the offender shall be fined not less than five hundred dollars nor more than seven hundred fifty dollars, imprisoned for not less than thirty days nor more than six months, or both. Imposition or execution of the sentence shall not be suspended unless the offender is placed on probation with a minimum condition that he perform ten eight-hour days of court-approved community service.

**Sec. 81.4. - Prohibited sexual conduct between educator and student**

**A. Prohibited sexual conduct between an educator and a student is committed when any of the following occur:**

- (1) An educator has sexual intercourse with a person who is seventeen years of age or older, but less than twenty-one years of age, where there is an age difference of greater than four years between the two persons, when the victim is not the spouse of the offender and is a student at the school where the educator is assigned, employed, or working at the time of the offense.
- (2) An educator commits any lewd or lascivious act upon a student or in the virtual or physical presence of a student who is seventeen years of age or older, but less than twenty-one years of age, where there is an age difference of greater than four years between the two persons, with the intention of gratifying the sexual desires of either person, when the victim is a student at the school in which the educator is assigned, employed, or working at the time of the offense.
- (3) An educator intentionally engages in the touching of the anus or genitals of a student seventeen years of age or older, but less than twenty-one years of age, where there is an age difference of greater than four years between the two persons, using any instrumentality or any part of the body of the educator, or the touching of the anus or genitals of the educator by a person seventeen years of age or older, but less than twenty-one years of age, where there is an age difference of greater than four years between the two persons, when the victim is a student at the school in which the educator is assigned, employed, or working at the time of the offense using any instrumentality or any part of the body of the student.

**B. As used in this Section:**

- (1) "Educator" means any administrator, coach, instructor, paraprofessional, student aide, teacher, or teacher aide at any public or private school, assigned, employed, or working at the school or school system where the victim is enrolled as a student on a full-time, part-time, or temporary basis.
- (2) "School" means a public or nonpublic elementary or secondary school or learning institution which shall not include universities and colleges.
- (3) "Sexual intercourse" means anal, oral, or vaginal sexual intercourse. Emission is not necessary, and penetration, however slight, is sufficient to complete the crime.
- (4) "Student" includes students enrolled in a school who are seventeen years of age or older, but less than twenty-one years of age.
- (5) "Virtual" means carried out, accessed, or stored by means of a computer or the exchange of digital media over any network.

**C. The consent of a student, whether or not that student is seventeen years of age or older, shall not be a defense to any violation of this Section.**

**D. Lack of knowledge of the student's age shall not be a defense.**

- E. (1) Whoever violates the provisions of this Section shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars, or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.**
- (2) For a second or subsequent offense, an offender may be fined not more than five thousand dollars and shall be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not less than one year nor more than five years.**

**F. Notwithstanding any claim of privileged communication, any educator having cause to believe that prohibited sexual conduct between an educator and student shall immediately report such conduct to a local or state law enforcement agency.**

- G. No cause of action shall exist against any person who in good faith makes a report, cooperates in any investigation arising as a result of such report, or participates in judicial proceedings arising out of such report, and such persons shall have immunity from civil or criminal liability that otherwise might be incurred or imposed. This immunity shall not be extended to any person who makes a report known to be false or with reckless disregard for the truth of the report.**
- H. In any action to establish damages against a defendant who has made a false report of prohibited sexual conduct between an educator and student, the plaintiff shall bear the burden of proving that the defendant who filed the false report knew the report was false or that the report was filed with reckless disregard for the truth of the report. A plaintiff who fails to meet the burden of proof set forth in this Subsection shall pay all court costs and attorney fees of the defendant.**

**Sec. 81.5. - Unlawful possession of videotape of protected persons under R.S. 15:440.1 et seq.**

- A. It is unlawful for any person to knowingly and intentionally possess, sell, duplicate, distribute, transfer, or copy any films, recordings, videotapes, audio tapes, or other visual, audio, or written reproductions, of any recording of videotapes of protected persons provided in R.S. 15:440.1 through 440.6.**
- B. For purposes of this Section, “videotape” means the visual recording on a magnetic tape, film, videotape, compact disc, digital versatile disc, digital video disc, audio tape, written visual or audio reproduction or by other electronic means together with the associated oral record.**
- C. The provisions of this statute shall not apply to persons acting pursuant to a court order or exempted by R.S. 15:440.5 or by persons who in the course and scope of their employment are in possession of the videotape, including the office of community services, any law enforcement agency or its authorized agents and personnel, the office of the district attorney and its assistant district attorneys and authorized personnel, and the agency or organization producing the videotape, including Children Advocacy Centers.**
- D. Whoever violates the provisions of this Section shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.**

**Sec. 82. - Prostitution; definition; penalties; enhancement**

**A. Prostitution is:**

- (1) The practice by a person of indiscriminate sexual intercourse with others for compensation.**
- (2) The solicitation by one person of another with the intent to engage in indiscriminate sexual intercourse with the latter for compensation.**

**B. As used in this Section, “sexual intercourse” means anal, oral, or vaginal sexual intercourse.**

- C. (1) Whoever commits the crime of prostitution shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or be imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.**
- (2) On a second conviction, the offender shall be fined not less than two hundred fifty dollars nor more than two thousand dollars or be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than two years, or both.**
- (3) On a third and subsequent conviction, the offender shall be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than four years and shall be fined not less than five hundred dollars nor more than four thousand dollars.**
- (4) Whoever commits the crime of prostitution with a person under the age of eighteen years shall be fined not more than fifty thousand dollars, imprisoned at hard labor for not less than fifteen years nor more than fifty years, or both.**
- (5) Whoever commits the crime of prostitution with a person under the age of fourteen years shall be fined not more than seventy-five thousand dollars, imprisoned at hard labor for not less than twenty-five years nor more than fifty years, or both.**

**D. Any offense under this Section committed more than five years prior to the commission of the offense with which the defendant is charged shall not be considered in the assessment of penalties under this Section.**

**E. If the offense occurred as a result of a solicitation by the offender while the offender was located on a public road or highway, or the sidewalk, walkway, or public servitude thereof, the court shall sentence the offender to imprisonment**

for a minimum of ninety days. If a portion of the sentence is suspended, the court may place the offender upon supervised probation if the offender agrees, as a condition of probation, to perform two hundred forty hours of community service work collecting or picking up litter and trash on the public roads, streets, and highways, under conditions specified by the court.

- F. All persons who are convicted of the offense of prostitution shall be referred to the parish health unit for counseling concerning Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. The counseling shall be provided by existing staff of the parish health unit whose duties include such counseling.
- G. (1) It shall be an affirmative defense to prosecution for a violation of this Section that, during the time of the alleged commission of the offense, the defendant was a victim of trafficking of children for sexual purposes as provided in R.S. 14:46.3(E). Any child determined to be a victim pursuant to the provisions of this Paragraph shall be eligible for specialized services for sexually exploited children.
- (2) It shall be an affirmative defense to prosecution for a violation of this Section that, during the time of the alleged commission of the offense, the defendant is determined to be a victim of human trafficking pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 14:46.2(F). Any person determined to be a victim pursuant to the provisions of this Paragraph shall be notified of any treatment or specialized services for sexually exploited persons to the extent that such services are available.

**Sec. 82.2. - Purchase of commercial sexual activity; penalties**

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly give, agree to give, or offer to give anything of value to another in order to engage in sexual intercourse with a person who receives or agrees to receive anything of value as compensation for such activity.
- B. For purposes of this Section, "sexual intercourse" means anal, oral, or vaginal intercourse or any other sexual activity constituting a crime pursuant to the laws of this state.
- C. (1) Whoever violates the provisions of this Section shall be fined not more than seven hundred fifty dollars or be imprisoned for not more than six months, or both, and one-half of the fines collected shall be distributed in accordance with R.S. 15:539.4.
- (2) On a second conviction, the offender shall be fined not less than one thousand five hundred dollars nor more than two thousand dollars or be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than two years, or both, and one-half of the fines collected shall be distributed in accordance with R.S. 15:539.4.
- (3) On a third and subsequent conviction, the offender shall be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not less than two nor more than four years and shall be fined not less than two thousand five hundred dollars nor more than four thousand dollars and one-half of the fines collected shall be distributed in accordance with R.S. 15:539.4.
- (4) Whoever violates the provisions of this Section with a person the offender knows to be under the age of eighteen years, or with a person the offender knows to be a victim of human trafficking as defined by R.S. 14:46.2 or trafficking of children for sexual purposes as defined by R.S. 14:46.3, shall be fined not less than three thousand nor more than fifty thousand dollars, imprisoned at hard labor for not less than fifteen years nor more than fifty years, or both, and one-half of the fines collected shall be distributed in accordance with R.S. 15:539.4.
- (5) Whoever violates the provisions of this Section with a person the offender knows to be under the age of fourteen years shall be fined not less than five thousand and not more than seventy-five thousand dollars, imprisoned at hard labor for not less than twenty-five years nor more than fifty years, or both, and one-half of the fines collected shall be distributed in accordance with R.S. 15:539.4.
- D. In addition to the penalties provided for in Subsection C of this Section, the court shall order the offender to complete the Buyer Beware Program, as provided for in R.S. 15:243, to educate the offender about the harms, exploitation, and negative effects of prostitution. The court shall impose additional court costs in the amount of two hundred dollars to defer the costs of the program.

- E. (1) Any child under the age of eighteen determined to be a victim of this offense shall be eligible for specialized services for sexually exploited children.**
- (2) Any person, eighteen years of age or older, determined to be a victim of this offense shall be notified of any treatment or specialized services for sexually exploited persons to the extent that such services are available.**
- F. It shall not be a defense to prosecution for a violation of this Section that the person who receives or agrees to receive anything of value is actually a law enforcement officer or peace officer acting within the official scope of his duties.**

**Sec. 83. - Soliciting for prostitutes**

- A. Soliciting for prostitutes is the soliciting, inviting, inducing, directing, or transporting a person to any place with the intention of promoting prostitution.**
- B. (1)(a) Whoever commits the crime of soliciting for prostitutes shall be fined not more than seven hundred fifty dollars, imprisoned for not more than six months, or both, and one-half of the fines collected shall be distributed in accordance with R.S. 15:539.4.**
- (b) Whoever commits a second or subsequent offense for the crime of soliciting for prostitutes shall be fined not less than one thousand five hundred dollars nor more than two thousand dollars, imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, and one-half of the fines collected shall be distributed in accordance with R.S. 15:539.4.**
- (2) Whoever commits the crime of soliciting for prostitutes when the person being solicited is under the age of eighteen years shall be fined not less than three thousand dollars nor more than fifty thousand dollars, imprisoned at hard labor for not less than fifteen years nor more than fifty years, or both, and one-half of the fines collected shall be distributed in accordance with R.S. 15:539.4.**
- (3) Whoever commits the crime of soliciting for prostitutes when the person being solicited is under the age of fourteen years shall be fined not less than five thousand dollars nor more than seventy-five thousand dollars, imprisoned at hard labor for not less than twenty-five years nor more than fifty years, or both, and one-half of the fines collected shall be distributed in accordance with R.S. 15:539.4.**
- (4) In addition to the penalties provided for in this Subsection, the court shall order the offender to complete the Buyer Beware Program, as provided for in R.S. 15:243, to educate the offender about the harms, exploitation, and negative effects of prostitution. In furtherance of the administration of justice in the judicial district and to prevent future recidivism, the court shall impose additional court costs in the amount of two hundred dollars to defer the costs of the program, with the proceeds of the fine being paid to the operator of the Buyer Beware Program as provided for in R.S. 15:243.**

**Sec. 83.3. - Prostitution by massage**

- A. Prostitution by massage is the erotic stimulation of the genital organs of another by any masseur, masseuse, or any other person, whether resulting in orgasm or not, by instrumental manipulation, touching with the hands, or other bodily contact exclusive of sexual intercourse or unnatural carnal copulation, when done for money.**
- B. As used in this Section, the terms:**
- (1) "Masseur" means a male who practices massage or physiotherapy, or both.**
- (2) "Masseuse" means a female who practices massage or physiotherapy, or both.**
- C. Whoever commits the crime of prostitution by massage shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than six months, or both.**
- D. (1) It shall be an affirmative defense to prosecution for a violation of this Section that, during the time of the alleged commission of the offense, the defendant was a victim of trafficking of children for sexual purposes as provided in R.S. 14:46.3(E). Any child determined to be a victim pursuant to the provisions of this Paragraph shall be eligible for specialized services for sexually exploited children.**
- (2) It shall be an affirmative defense to prosecution for a violation of this Section that, during the time of the alleged commission of the offense, the defendant is determined to be a victim of human trafficking pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 14:46.2(F). Any person determined to be a victim pursuant to the provisions of this Paragraph shall be notified of any treatment or specialized**



services for sexually exploited persons to the extent that such services are available.

**Sec. 83.4. - Massage; sexual conduct prohibited**

- A. It shall be unlawful for any masseur, masseuse, or any other person, while in a massage parlor or any other enterprise used as a massage parlor, by stimulation in an erotic manner, to:**
- (1) Expose, touch, caress, or fondle the genitals, anus, or pubic hairs of any person or the nipples of the female breast; or**
  - (2) To perform any acts of sadomasochistic abuse, flagellation, or torture in the context of sexual conduct.**
- B. Whoever violates this Section shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.**
- C. (1) It shall be an affirmative defense to prosecution for a violation of this Section that, during the time of the alleged commission of the offense, the defendant was a victim of trafficking of children for sexual purposes as provided in R.S. 14:46.3(E). Any child determined to be a victim pursuant to the provisions of this Paragraph shall be eligible for specialized services for sexually exploited children.**
- (2) It shall be an affirmative defense to prosecution for a violation of this Section that, during the time of the alleged commission of the offense, the defendant is determined to be a victim of human trafficking pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 14:46.2(F). Any person determined to be a victim pursuant to the provisions of this Paragraph shall be notified of any treatment or specialized services for sexually exploited persons to the extent that such services are available.**

**Sec. 85. - Letting premises for prostitution**

- A. Letting premises for prostitution is the granting of the right of use or the leasing of any premises, knowing that they are to be used for the practice of prostitution, or allowing the continued use of the premises with such knowledge.**
- B. (1) Whoever commits the crime of letting premises for prostitution shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars, imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.**

**Sec. 90. – Gambling**

- A. (1)(a) Gambling is the intentional conducting, or directly assisting in the conducting, as a business, of any game, contest, lottery, or contrivance whereby a person risks the loss of anything of value in order to realize a profit.**
- (b) Whoever commits the crime of gambling shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars, or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.**

**Sec. 90.2. - Gambling in public**

- A. Gambling in public is the aiding or abetting or participation in any game, contest, lottery, or contrivance, in any location or place open to the view of the public or the people at large, such as streets, highways, vacant lots, neutral grounds, alleyway, sidewalk, park, beach, parking lot, or condemned structures whereby a person risks the loss of anything of value in order to realize a profit.**
- B. This Section shall not prohibit activities authorized under the Charitable Raffles, Bingo and Keno Licensing Law,<sup>1</sup> nor shall it apply to bona fide fairs and festivals conducted for charitable purposes.**
- C. Whoever commits the crime of gambling in public shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars, or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.**

**Sec. 90.3. - Gambling by computer**

- A. The Legislature of Louisiana, desiring to protect individual rights, while at the same time affording opportunity for the fullest development of the individual and promoting the health, safety, education, and welfare of the people, including the children of this state who are our most precious and valuable resource, finds that the state has a compelling interest in protecting its citizens and children from certain activities and influences which can result in irreparable harm. The legislature has expressed its intent to develop a controlled well-regulated gaming industry. The legislature is also charged with the responsibility of protecting and assisting its citizens who suffer from compulsive or problem gaming behavior which can result from the increased availability of legalized gaming activities. The legislature recognizes the development of the Internet and the information**

super highway allowing communication and exchange of information from all parts of the world and freely encourages this exchange of information and ideas. The legislature recognizes and encourages the beneficial effects computers, computer programming, and use of the Internet resources have had on the children of the state of Louisiana by expanding their educational horizons. The legislature further recognizes that it has an obligation and responsibility to protect its citizens, and in particular its youngest citizens, from the pervasive nature of gambling which can occur via the Internet and the use of computers connected to the Internet. Gambling has long been recognized as a crime in the state of Louisiana and despite the enactment of many legalized gaming activities remains a crime. Gambling which occurs via the Internet embodies the very activity that the legislature seeks to prevent. The legislature further recognizes that the state's constitution and that of the United States are declarations of rights which the drafters intended to withstand time and address the wrongs and injustices which arise in future years. The legislature hereby finds and declares that it has balanced its interest in protecting the citizens of this state with the protection afforded by the First Amendment, and the mandates of Article XII, Section 6 of the Constitution of Louisiana and that this Section is a product thereof.

- B. Gambling by computer is the intentional conducting, or directly assisting in the conducting as a business of any game, contest, lottery, or contrivance whereby a person risks the loss of anything of value in order to realize a profit when accessing the Internet, World Wide Web, or any part thereof by way of any computer, computer system, computer network, computer software, or any server.**
- C. For purposes of this Section the following definitions apply:**
- (1) "Client" means anyone using a computer to access a computer server.**
  - (2) "Computer" includes an electronic, magnetic, optical, or other high-speed data processing device or system performing logical, arithmetic, and storage functions, and includes any property, data storage facility, or communications facility directly related to or operating in conjunction with such device or system. "Computer" shall not include an automated typewriter or typesetter, a machine designed solely for word processing, or a portable hand-held calculator, nor shall "computer" include any other device which might contain components similar to those in computers but in which the components have the sole function of controlling the device for the single purpose for which the device is intended.**
  - (3) "Computer network" means a set of related, remotely connected devices and communication facilities including at least one computer system with capability to transmit data through communication facilities.**
  - (4) "Computer services" means providing access to or service or data from a computer, a computer system, or a computer network.**
  - (5) "Computer software" means a set of computer programs, procedures, and associated documentation concerned with operation of a computer system.**
  - (6) "Computer system" means a set of functionally related, connected or unconnected, computer equipment, devices, or computer software.**
  - (7) "Home Page" means the index or location for each computer site on the World Wide Web.**
  - (8) "Internet" means the global information system that is logically linked together by a globally unique address space based on the Internet Protocol or its subsequent extensions, is able to support communications using the Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol suite or its subsequent extensions, and other Internet Protocol compatible protocols, and provides, uses or makes accessible, either publicly or privately, high level services layered on the communications and related infrastructure described herein.**
  - (9) "Server" means a computer that listens for and services a client.**
  - (10) "World Wide Web" means a server providing connections to mega lists of information on the Internet; it is made up of millions of individual web sites linked together.**
- D. Whoever commits the crime of gambling by computer shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars, or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.**

**Sec. 90.4. - Unlawful playing of video draw poker devices by persons under the age of twenty-one; penalty**

- A. It is unlawful for any person under twenty-one years of age to play video draw poker devices.**
- B. For purposes of this Section, “video draw poker device” means a device, as defined in R.S. 27:402, placed in an establishment licensed for operation and regulated under the applicable provisions of Chapter 8 of Title 27 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.**
- C. Whoever violates the provisions of this Section shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars for the first offense, two hundred fifty dollars for the second offense, and five hundred dollars for the third offense.**
- D. A gaming licensee, or a specifically authorized employee or agent of a gaming licensee, may use reasonable force to detain a person for questioning on the premises of the gaming establishment, for a length of time, not to exceed sixty minutes, unless it is reasonable under the circumstances that the person be detained longer, when he has reasonable cause to believe that the person has violated the provisions of this Section. The licensee or his employee or agent may also detain such a person for arrest by a peace officer. The detention shall not constitute an arrest.**

**Sec. 90.5. - Unlawful playing of gaming devices by persons under the age of twenty-one; underage persons, penalty**

- A. It is unlawful for any person under twenty-one years of age to play casino games, gaming devices, or slot machines or to place a wager on a sports event.**
- B. No person under the age of twenty-one, except an emergency responder acting in his official capacity, shall enter, or be permitted to enter, the designated gaming area of a riverboat, the designated gaming area of the official gaming establishment, or the designated gaming area of a pari-mutuel wagering facility which offers live horse racing licensed for operation and regulated under the applicable provisions of Chapters 4, 5, and 7 of Title 27 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.**
- C. (1) For purposes of this Section, “casino games, gaming devices, or slot machines” means a game or device, as defined in R.S. 27:44, 205, or 353 operated on a riverboat, at the official gaming establishment, or at a pari-mutuel wagering facility which offers live horse racing which is licensed for operation and regulated under the provisions of Chapters 4, 5, and 7 of Title 27 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.**
  - (2) For purposes of this Section, “place a wager on a sports event” shall apply to the following:**
    - (a) Wagers attempted to be or actually placed in person, via a self-service sports wagering mechanism, or through a website or mobile application as those terms are defined in R.S. 27:602 and the operation of which is regulated under the provisions of Chapter 10 of Title 27 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.**
    - (b) Wagers attempted to be or actually placed via a self-service sports wagering mechanism, or via a mobile application as defined in R.S. 47:9002 and operations are regulated under the provisions of Chapter 10 of Subtitle XI of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.**
- D. Whoever violates the provisions of this Section shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars and may be imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.**

**Sec. 91. - Unlawful sales of weapons to minors**

- A. Unlawful sales of weapons to minors is the selling or otherwise delivering for value of any firearm or other instrumentality customarily used as a dangerous weapon to any person under the age of eighteen. Lack of knowledge of the minor's age shall not be a defense.**
- B. Whoever commits the crime of unlawful sales of weapons to minors shall be fined not more than three hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.**

**Sec. 91.4. - Contributing to the endangerment of a minor**

- A. No person shall knowingly employ a person convicted of a sex offense as defined in R.S. 15:541, whose offense involved a minor child, to work in any early learning center as defined by R.S. 17:407.33, residential home as defined by R.S. 46:1403, or residence in which child care services are provided by a family child**

care provider or in-home provider who is registered pursuant to R.S. 17:407.61 et seq.

B. No person shall knowingly permit a person convicted of a sex offense as defined in R.S. 15:541 physical access to any early learning center as defined by R.S. 17:407.33, residential home as defined by R.S. 46:1403, or residence in which child care services are provided by a family child care provider or in-home provider who is registered pursuant to R.S. 17:407.61 et seq.

C. Whoever violates the provisions of this Section shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars, imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

**Sec. 91.6. - Unlawful distribution of sample tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products to persons under age twenty-one; penalty**

A. No person shall distribute or cause to be distributed to persons under twenty-one years of age a promotional sample of any tobacco product, alternative nicotine product, or vapor product.

B. For purposes of this Section, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Alternative nicotine product" means any non-combustible product containing nicotine that is intended for human consumption, whether chewed, absorbed, dissolved, or ingested by any other means. "Alternative nicotine product" does not include any of the following:

(a) Tobacco product.

(b) Vapor product.

(c) Product that is a drug pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 321(g) (1).

(d) Device pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 321(h).

(e) Combination product described in 21 U.S.C. 353(g).

(2) "Cigar" means any roll of tobacco for smoking, irrespective of size or shape, and irrespective of the tobacco being flavored, adulterated, or mixed with any other ingredients, where such roll has a wrapper made chiefly of tobacco.

(3) "Cigarette" means any roll for smoking made wholly or in part of tobacco, irrespective of size or shape and irrespective of the tobacco being flavored, adulterated, or mixed with any other ingredient, where such roll has a wrapper or cover made of paper, or any other material, except where such wrapper is wholly or in greater part made of tobacco.

(4) "Smokeless tobacco" means any finely cut, ground, powdered, or leaf tobacco that is intended to be placed in the oral or nasal cavity.

(5) "Smoking tobacco" means granulated, plug cut, crimp cut, ready rubbed, and any other kind and form of tobacco prepared in such manner as to be suitable for smoking in a pipe or cigarette.

(6) "Tobacco product" means any cigar, cigarette, smokeless tobacco, or smoking tobacco.

(7) "Vapor product" means any non-combustible product containing nicotine or other substances that employs a heating element, power source, electronic circuit, or other electronic, chemical or mechanical means, regardless of shape or size, that can be used to produce vapor from nicotine in a solution or other form. "Vapor product" includes any electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or similar product or device and any vapor cartridge or other container of nicotine in a solution or other form that is intended to be used with or in an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or similar product or device. "Vapor product" does not include any of the following:

(a) Product that is a drug pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 321(g) (1).

(b) Device pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 321(h).

(c) Combination product described in 21 U.S.C. 353(g).

C. Whoever violates a provision of this Section shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars upon conviction.

**Sec. 91.8. - Unlawful sale, purchase, or possession of tobacco, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products; signs required; penalties**

A. This Section shall be known and may be cited as the "Prevention of Youth Access to Tobacco Law".

B. It is the intent of the legislature that enforcement of this Section shall be implemented in an equitable manner throughout the state. For the purpose of equitable and uniform implementation and application of state and local laws and regulations, the provisions of this Section shall supersede existing or subsequently

adopted local ordinances or regulations which relate to the sale, promotion, and distribution of tobacco products, alternative nicotine product, or vapor product. It is the intent of the legislature that this Section shall be equitably enforced so as to ensure the eligibility for and receipt of any federal funds or grants the state now receives or may receive relating to the provisions of this Section.

- C. It is unlawful for any manufacturer, distributor, retailer, or other person to sell or distribute any tobacco product, alternative nicotine product, or vapor product to a person under the age of twenty-one. However, it shall not be unlawful for a person under the age of twenty-one to accept receipt of a tobacco product, alternative nicotine product, or vapor product from an employer when required in the performance of such person's duties. At the point of sale, a sign, in not less than thirty-point type, shall be displayed in a manner conspicuous to both employees and consumers, within any location where tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, vapor products, or vapor paraphernalia and devices are available for purchase, that reads "LOUISIANA LAW PROHIBITS THE SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS, ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE PRODUCTS, VAPOR PRODUCTS, OR VAPOR PARAPHERNALIA AND DEVICES TO PERSONS UNDER AGE 21". The sign shall also include a notice that displays the telephone number for the Louisiana Tobacco Quitline (1-800-QUIT-NOW) and the website for the Louisiana Tobacco Quitline ([www.quitwithusla.org](http://www.quitwithusla.org)), as determined by the Louisiana Department of Health.
- D. It is unlawful for a vending machine operator to place in use a vending machine to vend any tobacco product, alternative nicotine product, or vapor product automatically, unless the machine displays a sign or sticker in not less than twenty-two-point type on the front of the machine stating, "LOUISIANA LAW PROHIBITS THE SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS, ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE PRODUCTS, OR VAPOR PRODUCTS TO PERSONS UNDER AGE 21". The sign shall also include a notice that displays the telephone number for the Louisiana Tobacco Quitline (1-800-QUIT-NOW) and the website for the Louisiana Tobacco Quitline ([www.quitwithusla.org](http://www.quitwithusla.org)), as determined by the Louisiana Department of Health.
- E. It is unlawful for any person under the age of twenty-one to be sold any tobacco product, alternative nicotine product, or vapor product.
- F. (1) It is unlawful for any person under the age of twenty-one to possess any tobacco product, alternative nicotine product, or vapor product.
- (2) However, it shall not be unlawful for a person under the age of twenty-one to possess a tobacco product, alternative nicotine product, or vapor product under any of the following circumstances:
- (a) When a person under eighteen years of age is accompanied by a parent, spouse, or legal guardian twenty-one years of age or older.
- (b) In private residences.
- (c) When the tobacco product, alternative nicotine product, or vapor product is handled during the course and scope of his employment and required in the performance of such person's duties.
- G. For purposes of this Section, the following definitions apply:
- (1) "Alternative nicotine product" means any non-combustible product containing nicotine that is intended for human consumption, whether chewed, absorbed, dissolved, or ingested by any other means. "Alternative nicotine product" does not include any:
- (a) Tobacco product.
- (b) Vapor product.
- (c) Product that is a drug pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 321(g) (1).
- (d) Device pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 321(h).
- (e) Combination product described in 21 U.S.C. 353(g).
- (2) "Cigar" means any roll of tobacco for smoking, irrespective of size or shape, and irrespective of the tobacco being flavored, adulterated, or mixed with any other ingredients, where such roll has a wrapper made chiefly of tobacco.
- (3) "Cigarette" means any roll for smoking made wholly or in part of tobacco, irrespective of size or shape and irrespective of the tobacco being flavored, adulterated, or mixed with any other ingredient, where such roll has a wrapper or cover made of paper, or any other material, except where such wrapper is wholly or in greater part made of tobacco.

- (4) **“Smokeless tobacco” means any finely cut, ground, powdered, or leaf tobacco that is intended to be placed in the oral or nasal cavity.**
  - (5) **“Smoking tobacco” means granulated, plug cut, crimp cut, ready rubbed, and any other kind and form of tobacco prepared in such manner as to be suitable for smoking in a pipe or cigarette.**
  - (6) **“Tobacco product” means any cigar, cigarette, smokeless tobacco, or smoking tobacco.**
  - (7) **“Vapor product” means any non-combustible product containing nicotine or other substances that employs a heating element, power source, electronic circuit, or other electronic, chemical or mechanical means, regardless of shape or size, that can be used to produce vapor from nicotine in a solution or other form. “Vapor product” includes any electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or similar product or device and any vapor cartridge or other container of nicotine in a solution or other form that is intended to be used with or in an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or similar product or device. “Vapor product” does not include any of the following:**
    - (a) **Product that is a drug pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 321(g) (1).**
    - (b) **Device pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 321(h).**
    - (c) **Combination product described in 21 U.S.C. 353(g).**
- H. (1) A person who violates the provisions of this Section by selling or buying tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products shall be fined not more than fifty dollars for the first violation. The penalties for subsequent violations shall be a fine of not more than one hundred dollars for the second violation, a fine of not more than two hundred fifty dollars for the third violation, and a fine of not more than four hundred dollars for any violation thereafter.**
- (2) A person who violates the provisions of this Section by possessing tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products shall be fined not more than fifty dollars for each violation.**
- I. A violation of the signage requirement of Subsection C of this Section shall be deemed to be a violation by the owner of the establishment where the violation occurred. A violation of the signage requirement of Subsection D of this Section shall be deemed to be a violation by the owner of the vending machine. For the first such violation, the owner shall be fined not more than fifty dollars. The penalties for subsequent violations shall be a fine of not more than one hundred dollars for the second violation, a fine of not more than two hundred fifty dollars for the third violation, and a fine of not more than five hundred dollars for any violation thereafter.**
- J. The law enforcement agency issuing the citation or making the arrest or the clerk of the court in which a prosecution is initiated, as the case may be, shall notify the commissioner of the office of alcohol and tobacco control of the action and the final disposition of the matter.**
- Sec. 91.12. - Sale, distribution or making available to minors publications encouraging, advocating, or facilitating the illegal use of controlled dangerous substances**
- A. No person shall sell, distribute or make available to a person under eighteen years of age any publication which has as its dominant theme articles or a substantial number of advertisements encouraging, advocating, or facilitating the illegal use of any substance classified as a controlled dangerous substance pursuant to Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.**
  - B. No employee acting within the course and scope of his employment and who has no proprietary interest in the business shall be guilty of a violation of this Section unless he has actual knowledge of the contents of the publication.**
  - C. Whoever violates this Section shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.**
- Sec. 91.13. - Illegal use of controlled dangerous substances in the presence of persons under seventeen years of age**
- A. It shall be unlawful for any person over the age of seventeen, while in the presence of any person under the age of seventeen and when there is an age difference of greater than two years between the two persons, to use, consume,**

possess, or distribute any controlled dangerous substance in violation of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act.

**B. Whoever violates the provisions of this Section shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned for more than six months, or both.**

**Sec. 91.15. - Unlawful operation of an unlicensed child day care center**

**A. It shall be unlawful for any person or other entity to do either of the following:**

**(1) Continue to operate a child day care center after notification by the Department of Education that the person or other entity operating the facility should seek a license as provided for in Part X-B of Chapter 1 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 17:407.31 through 407.53.**

**(2) Continue to operate a child day care center after the Department of Education has revoked a license to operate a child day care center that was previously issued to the person or other entity as provided for in Part X-B of Chapter 1 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 17:407.31 through 407.53.**

**B. For the purposes of this Section, “child day care center” means any place or facility operated by any institution, political subdivision, society, agency, corporation, person or persons, or any other group for the purpose of providing care, supervision, and guidance of seven or more children, not including those related to the caregiver, unaccompanied by parent or legal custodian, on a regular basis for at least twelve and one-half hours in a continuous seven-day week. If a child day care center provides transportation or arranges for transportation to and from the center, either directly or by contract with third parties, all hours during which a child is being transported shall be included in calculating the hours of operation.**

**C. Whoever commits the crime of unlawful operation of an unlicensed child day care center shall be subject to the following penalties:**

**(1) For a first offense violation of this Section, the violator shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.**

**(2) For a second offense violation of this Section, the violator shall be fined not more than two thousand five hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both. Furthermore, the violator shall be ineligible to apply for a license to operate a child day care facility or operate a child day care facility for up to twenty-four months.**

**(3) For a third or subsequent offense violation of this Section, the violator shall be fined not more than five thousand dollars or imprisoned for not more than twelve months, or both. Furthermore, the violator shall be ineligible to apply for a license to operate a child day care facility or operate a child day care facility for up to forty-eight months.**

**D. In accordance with R.S. 17:407.31 et seq., the Department of Education shall be responsible for the investigation of any unlicensed day care center to determine if the center is required by law to have a license issued by the department and to determine if the center is operating without a valid license issued by the department. After conducting any necessary investigation, the department shall make a determination with respect to licensing status, and collect any evidence necessary with respect to violations of the licensing laws. All evidence and findings by the department shall be submitted to a law enforcement agency for any arrest for a violation of the provisions of this Section.**

**Sec. 91.21. - Sale of poisonous reptiles to minors; penalty**

**A. It shall be unlawful for any person to sell any type of poisonous reptile to a minor.**

**B. Any person violating the provision of this Section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both, for each such offense.**

**Sec. 92.2. - Improper supervision of a minor by parent or legal custodian**

**A. Improper supervision of a minor by a parent or legal custodian, who has care and control of the minor, includes any of the following:**

- (1) Through criminal negligence, or knowingly or willfully, permitting the minor to associate with a person known by the parent or custodian to be any of the following:
    - (a) A member of a known criminal street gang as defined in R.S. 15:1404(A).
    - (b) Convicted of a felony offense.
    - (c) A user or distributor of drugs in violation of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law.
    - (d) A person who possesses or has access to an illegal firearm, weapon, or explosive.
  - (2) Through criminal negligence, or knowingly or willfully, permitting the minor to do any of the following:
    - (a) Enter premises known by the parent or custodian to be a place where sexually indecent activities or prostitution is practiced.
    - (b) Violate a local or municipal curfew ordinance.
    - (c) Habitually be absent or tardy from school pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 17:233 without valid excuse.
    - (d) Enter the premises known by the parent or legal custodian as a place of illegal drug use or distribution activity.
    - (e) Enter the premises known by the parent or legal custodian as a place of underage drinking or gambling.
    - (f) Enter the premises known by the parent or legal custodian as a place which stores or has a person present who possesses an illegal firearm, weapon, or explosive.
  - (3) Any violation by commission or omission of a court-ordered safety plan.
  - (4) Causing or permitting an unlicensed minor to drive a motor vehicle or power cycle upon any public road or highway in this state, in violation of R.S. 32:416 and 417, when the unlicensed minor is involved in a collision which results in the serious bodily injury or death of another person.
- B. (1) Whoever violates the provisions of this Section shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars, or imprisoned for not more than ninety days, or both. A minimum condition of probation shall be that the offender participate in forty hours of court-approved community service activities, or a combination of forty hours of court-approved community service and attendance at a court-approved family counseling program by both a parent or legal custodian and the minor.**
- (2) Whoever violates the provision of Paragraph (A) (3) of this Section shall be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than six months or a fine of five hundred dollars, or both. Whoever violates the provisions of Paragraph (A) (3), which results in injury to the child that requires medical attention or death of the child, shall be punished by imprisonment for two years with or without hard labor.
  - (3) Whoever violates the provisions of Paragraph (A)(4) of this Section shall be punished by a fine of not less than five hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars, or imprisonment for up to six months, or both.
  - (4) Repealed by Acts 2019, No. 290, § 3.
- C. The provisions of Subparagraph (A)(1)(b) of this Section shall not apply to an immediate family member who lives in the household with the minor or other relative who is supervised by the parent or legal custodian when visiting with the minor.**
- D. (1) No parent or legal guardian shall be guilty of a violation of this Section if, upon acquiring knowledge that the minor has undertaken acts as described in Paragraphs (A)(1) and (2) of this Section, the parent or legal guardian seeks the assistance of local, parish, or state law enforcement officials, school officials, social services officials, or other appropriate authorities in either leading the child to modify his or her behavior, or in referring the child to appropriate treatment or corrective facilities.**
- (2) When imposing the sentence for a person convicted of this offense, the court shall consider the totality of the circumstances including the best interest of the minor.
- Sec. 92.3. - Retaliation by a minor against a parent, legal custodian, witness, or complainant**



- A. Retaliation by a minor against a parent, legal custodian, witness, or complainant is the willful, malicious, and repeated threats of force against or harassment of a person or his property by a minor under the age of eighteen accompanied by an overt act on the part of the minor or by the apparent capability of the minor to carry out the threat or harassment, against a parent, legal custodian, person who filed a complaint against the minor, or a witness in a criminal case in which the minor is the defendant or charged with a delinquency and the minor intends to place that person in a reasonable fear of death, serious bodily injury, or damage to property.**
- B. The provisions of Subsection A do not apply if the conduct of the parent, legal custodian, person who filed a complaint against the minor, or a witness in a criminal case in which the minor is the defendant or charged with a delinquency is acting in violation of any criminal law.**
- C. A minor who violates the provisions of this Section shall be placed in the custody of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections for a period not to exceed six months. A minimum condition of probation shall be that the offender participate in forty hours of court-approved community service activities or a combination of forty hours of court-approved community service and attendance at a court-approved family counseling program by both a parent or legal custodian and the minor.**

**Sec. 93.1. - Model glue; use of; abuse of toxic vapors; unlawful sales to minors; penalties**

**A. Definitions:**

- (1) The term “model glue” shall mean any glue or cement of the type commonly used in the building of model airplanes, boats and automobiles and which contains one or more of the following volatile solvents: (a) toluol, (b) hexane, (c) trichlorethylene, (d) acetone, (e) toluene, (f) ethyl acetate, (g) methyl ethyl ketone, (h) trichlorochthane, (i) isopropanol, (j) methyl isobutyl ketone, (k) methyl cellosolve acetate, (l) cyclohexanone, or (m) any other solvent, material, substance, chemical or combination thereof having the property of releasing toxic vapors.**
- (2) “Abuse of toxic vapors” shall mean to smell or inhale the fumes of any solvent, material, substance, chemical or combinations thereof having the property of releasing toxic vapors for the purpose of causing a condition of or inducing a symptom included in Subsection B of this Section.**

- B. It shall be unlawful for any person to intentionally smell or inhale the fumes of any type of model glue or toxic vapors for the purpose of causing a condition of or inducing symptoms of intoxication, elation, euphoria, dizziness, excitement, irrational behavior, exhilaration, paralysis, stupefaction or dulling of the senses or nervous system; or for the purpose of, in any manner, changing, distorting or disturbing the audio, visual or mental processes. This Section shall not apply to the inhalation of any anesthesia for medical or dental purposes.**
- C. It shall be unlawful for any person to sell any type of model glue to a minor for any reason whatsoever.**
- D. It shall be unlawful for any person to sell or otherwise transfer possession of any type of model glue to any minor for any purpose whatsoever, unless the minor receiving possession of the model glue is the child or ward of and under the lawful custody of the vendor, donor or transferor of the glue.**
- E. Any person violating any provisions of this Section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than ninety days for each such offense or both.**

**Sec. 93.2. - Tattooing and body piercing of minors; prohibition**

- A. It is unlawful for any person to tattoo or body pierce any other person under the age of eighteen without the consent of an accompanying parent or tutor of such person.**
- B. It is unlawful for any business entity to pierce the body of any person under the age of eighteen without the consent of a parent or legal custodian of such person.**
- C. Whoever is found guilty of violating the provisions of this Section shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars or be imprisoned for not less than thirty days nor more than one year, or both.**

**ARTICLE VIII. - OFFENSES AFFECTING THE PUBLIC**

**Sec. 95. - Illegal carrying of weapons**

**A. Illegal carrying of weapons is any of the following:**

- (1)(a) The intentional concealment of any firearm, or other instrumentality customarily used or intended for probable use as a dangerous weapon, on one's person.**
- (b) The provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply to a person with a valid concealed handgun permit issued pursuant to R.S. 40:1379.1.1, 1379.3, or 1379.3.2 nor shall it prohibit a person with a valid concealed handgun permit issued pursuant to R.S. 40:1379.1.1, 1379.3, or 1379.3.2 from carrying a concealed firearm or other instrumentality customarily used or intended for probable use as a dangerous weapon on his person unless otherwise prohibited by this Section.**
- (2) The ownership, possession, custody, or use of any firearm, or other instrumentality customarily used as a dangerous weapon, at any time by an enemy alien.**
- (3) The ownership, possession, custody, or use of any tools, or dynamite, or nitroglycerine, or explosives, or other instrumentality customarily used by thieves or burglars at any time by any person with the intent to commit a crime.**
- (4)(a) The intentional possession or use by any person of a dangerous weapon on a school campus during regular school hours or on a school bus. "School" means any elementary, secondary, high school, or vo-tech school in this state and "campus" means all facilities and property within the boundary of the school property. "School bus" means any motor bus being used to transport children to and from school or in connection with school activities.**
- (b) The provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply to:**
  - (i) A peace officer as defined by R.S. 14:30(B) in the performance of his official duties.**
  - (ii) A school official or employee acting during the normal course of his employment or a student acting under the direction of such school official or employee.**
  - (iii) Any person having the written permission of the principal or school board and engaged in competition or in marksmanship or safety instruction.**
- (5) Repealed by Acts 2022, No. 587, § 2.**

**B. (1) Whoever commits the crime of illegal carrying of weapons shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars, or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.**

**(2) Whoever commits the crime of illegal carrying of weapons with any firearm used in the commission of a crime of violence as defined in R.S. 14:2(B), shall be fined not more than two thousand dollars, or imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not less than one year nor more than two years, or both. Any sentence issued pursuant to the provisions of this Paragraph and any sentence issued pursuant to a violation of a crime of violence as defined in R.S. 14:2(B) shall be served consecutively.**

**C. On a second conviction, the offender shall be imprisoned with or without hard labor for not more than five years.**

**D. On third and subsequent convictions, the offender shall be imprisoned with or without hard labor for not more than ten years without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence.**

**E. If the offender uses, possesses, or has under his immediate control any firearm, or other instrumentality customarily used or intended for probable use as a dangerous weapon, while committing or attempting to commit a crime of violence or while unlawfully in the possession of a controlled dangerous substance except the possession of fourteen grams or less of marijuana, or during the unlawful sale or distribution of a controlled dangerous substance, the offender shall be fined not more than ten thousand dollars and imprisoned at hard labor for not less than five nor more than ten years without the benefit of probation, parole, or suspension of sentence. Upon a second or subsequent conviction, the offender shall be imprisoned at hard labor for not less than twenty years nor more than thirty years without the benefit of probation, parole, or suspension of sentence.**

- F. (1) For purposes of determining whether a defendant has a prior conviction for a violation of this Section, a conviction pursuant to this Section or a conviction pursuant to an ordinance of a local governmental subdivision of this state which contains the elements provided for in Subsection A of this Section shall constitute a prior conviction.**
- (2) The enhanced penalty upon second, third, and subsequent convictions shall not be applicable in cases where more than five years have elapsed since the expiration of the maximum sentence, or sentences, of the previous conviction or convictions, and the time of the commission of the last offense for which he has been convicted; the sentence to be imposed in such event shall be the same as may be imposed upon a first conviction.**
- (3) Any ordinance that prohibits the unlawful carrying of firearms enacted by a municipality, town, or similar political subdivision or governing authority of this state shall be subject to the provisions of R.S. 40:1796.**
- G. (1) The provisions of this Section shall not apply to sheriffs and their deputies, state and city police, constables and town marshals, or persons vested with police power when in the actual discharge of official duties. These provisions shall not apply to sheriffs and their deputies and state and city police who are not actually discharging their official duties, provided that such persons are full time, active, and certified by the Council on Peace Officer Standards and Training and have on their persons valid identification as duly commissioned law enforcement officers.**
- (2) The provisions of this Section shall not apply to any law enforcement officer who is retired from full-time active law enforcement service with at least twelve years' service upon retirement, nor shall it apply to any enforcement officer of the office of state parks, in the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism who is retired from active duty as an enforcement officer, provided that such retired officers have on their persons valid identification as retired law enforcement officers, which identification shall be provided by the entity which employed the officer prior to his or her public retirement. The retired law enforcement officer must be qualified annually in the use of firearms by the Council on Peace Officer Standards and Training and have proof of such qualification. This exception shall not apply to such officers who are medically retired based upon any mental impairment.**
- (3)(a) The provisions of this Section shall not apply to active or retired reserve or auxiliary law enforcement officers qualified annually by the Council on Peace Officer Standards and Training and who have on their person valid identification as active or retired reserve law or auxiliary municipal police officers. The active or retired reserve or auxiliary municipal police officer shall be qualified annually in the use of firearms by the Council on Peace Officer Standards and Training and have proof of such certification.**
- (b) For the purposes of this Paragraph, a reserve or auxiliary municipal police officer shall be defined as a volunteer, nonregular, sworn member of a law enforcement agency who serves with or without compensation and has regular police powers while functioning as such agency's representative, and who participates on a regular basis in agency activities including but not limited to those pertaining to crime prevention or control, and the preservation of the peace and enforcement of the law.**
- H. (1) Except as provided in Paragraph (A)(4) of this Section and in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, the provisions of this Section shall not prohibit active justices or judges of the supreme court, courts of appeal, district courts, parish courts, juvenile courts, family courts, city courts, federal courts domiciled in the state of Louisiana, and traffic courts; members of either house of the legislature; officers of either house of the legislature; the legislative auditor; designated investigative auditors; constables; coroners; designated coroner investigators; district attorneys and designated assistant district attorneys; United States attorneys and assistant United States attorneys and investigators; the attorney general; designated assistant attorneys general; city prosecutors; designated assistant city prosecutors; a United States representative from Louisiana and his designated, employed congressional staffer; a United States senator from Louisiana and his designated, employed congressional staffer; and justices of the peace from**

possessing and concealing a handgun on their person when such persons are qualified annually in the use of firearms by the Council on Peace Officer Standards and Training.

(2) Nothing in this Subsection shall permit the carrying of a weapon in the state capitol building.

I. The provisions of this Section shall not prohibit the carrying of a concealed handgun by a person who is a college or university police officer under the provisions of R.S. 17:1805 and who is carrying a concealed handgun in accordance with the provisions of that statute.

J. Repealed by Acts 2018, No. 341, § 2.

K. (1) The provisions of this Section shall not prohibit a retired justice or judge of the supreme court, courts of appeal, district courts, parish courts, juvenile courts, family courts, city courts, federal courts; retired attorney general; retired assistant attorneys general; retired district attorneys; retired assistant district attorneys; retired United States attorneys, retired assistant United States attorneys, or retired federal investigators; retired justices of the peace; retired members of the United States Congress; and former members of either house of the legislature from possessing and concealing a handgun on their person provided that such retired person or former member of the legislature is qualified annually, at their expense, in the use of firearms by the Council on Peace Officer Standards and Training and has on their person valid identification showing proof of their status as a former member of the legislature or as a retired justice, judge, attorney general, assistant attorney general, district attorney, assistant district attorney, United States attorney, or assistant United States attorney or federal investigator, or retired justice of the peace. For a former member of the legislature, the valid identification showing proof of status as a former legislator required by the provisions of this Paragraph shall be a legislative badge issued by the Louisiana Legislature that shall include the former member's name, the number of the district that the former member was elected to represent, the years that the former member served in the legislature, and words that indicate the person's status as a former member of the legislature.

(2) The retired justice, judge, attorney general, assistant attorney general, district attorney, assistant district attorney, justice of the peace, or former member of the United States Congress or either house of the legislature shall be qualified annually in the use of firearms by the Council on Peace Officer Standards and Training and have proof of qualification. However, this Subsection shall not apply to a retired justice, judge, attorney general, assistant attorney general, district attorney, assistant district attorney, United States attorney, assistant United States attorney or federal investigator, retired justice of the peace, or to a former member of the legislature or the United States Congress who is medically retired based upon any mental impairment, or who has entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to or been found guilty of a felony offense.

(3) For the purposes of this Subsection:

(a) “Retired assistant United States attorney” or “retired federal investigator” means an assistant United States attorney or investigator receiving retirement benefits from the Federal Employees Retirement System.

(b) “Retired district attorney” or “retired assistant district attorney” means a district attorney or an assistant district attorney receiving retirement benefits from the District Attorneys' Retirement System.

(c) “Retired United States attorney” means a presidentially appointed United States attorney who separated from service in good standing.

L. The provisions of Paragraph (A) (1) of this Section shall not apply to any person who is not prohibited from possessing a firearm pursuant to R.S. 14:95.1 or any other state or federal law and who is carrying a concealed firearm on or about his person while in the act of evacuating during a mandatory evacuation order issued during a state of emergency or disaster declared pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act. For purposes of this Subsection, “in the act of evacuating” means the immediate and urgent movement of a person away from the evacuation area within forty-eight hours after a mandatory evacuation is ordered. The forty-eight-hour period may be extended by an order issued by the governor.

**M. The provisions of Paragraph (A) (1) of this Section shall not apply to a resident of Louisiana if all of the following conditions are met:**

- (1) The person is twenty-one years of age or older.**
- (2) The person is not prohibited from possessing a firearm under R.S. 14:95.1, R.S. 40:1379.3(C)(5) through (17), 18 U.S.C. 922(g), or any other state or federal law.**
- (3)(a) The person is a reserve or active-duty member of any branch of the United States Armed Forces; a member of the Louisiana National Guard or the Louisiana Air National Guard; or a former member of any branch of the United States Armed Forces, the Louisiana National Guard, or the Louisiana Air National Guard who has been honorably discharged from service.**
- (b) At all times that a person is in possession of a concealed handgun pursuant to R.S. 40:1379.3(B)(2), that person shall have on his person proof that he meets the qualifications of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph demonstrated by one of the following:**
  - (i) A valid military identification card.**
  - (ii) A valid driver's license issued by the state of Louisiana displaying the word "Veteran" pursuant to R.S. 32:412(K).**
  - (iii) A valid special identification card issued by the state of Louisiana displaying the word "Veteran" pursuant to R.S. 40:1321(K).**
  - (iv) For a member released from service who does not qualify to have the word "Veteran" displayed on a state issued driver's license or special identification card, a Department of Defense Form 214 (DD-214) indicating the character of service as "Honorable" or "Under Honorable Conditions (General)" and a valid driver's license or special identification card issued by the state of Louisiana.**

**Sec. 95.5. - Possession of firearm on premises of alcoholic beverage outlet**

**A. No person shall intentionally possess a firearm while on the premises of an alcoholic beverage outlet.**

**B. "Alcoholic beverage outlet" as used herein means any commercial establishment in which alcoholic beverages of either high or low alcoholic content are sold in individual servings for consumption on the premises, whether or not such sales are a primary or incidental purpose of the business of the establishment.**

- C. (1) The provisions of this Section shall not apply to the owner or lessee of an alcoholic beverage outlet, an employee of such owner or lessee, or to a law enforcement officer or other person vested with law enforcement authority or listed in R.S. 14:95(G) or (H).**
- (2) The provisions of this Section shall not apply to a person possessing a firearm in accordance with a concealed handgun permit issued pursuant to R.S. 40:1379.1 or 1379.3 on the premises of an alcoholic beverage outlet which has been issued a Class A-Restaurant permit, as defined in Part II of Chapter 1 or Part II of Chapter 2 of Title 26 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.**
- (3) The provisions of this Section shall not be construed to limit the ability of a sheriff or chief law enforcement officer to establish policies within his department or office regarding the carrying of a concealed handgun on the premises of an alcoholic beverage outlet by any law enforcement officer under his authority.**

**D. Whoever violates the provisions of this Section shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.**

**Sec. 95.6. - Firearm-free zone; notice; signs; crime; penalties**

**A. A "firearm-free zone" is an area inclusive of any school campus and within one thousand feet of any such school campus, and within a school bus, wherein the possession of firearms is prohibited, except as specifically set forth in Subsection B of this Section and R.S. 14:95.2(C).**

**B. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to:**

- (1) A federal, state, or local law enforcement building.**
- (2) A military base.**
- (3) A commercial establishment which is permitted by law to have firearms or armed security.**
- (4) Private premises where a firearm is kept pursuant to law.**

(5) Any constitutionally protected activity within the firearm-free zone, such as a firearm contained entirely within a motor vehicle.

C. For purposes of this Section:

(1) "School" means any public or private elementary, secondary, high school, or vocational-technical school, college, or university in this state.

(2) "School campus" means all facilities and property within the boundary of the school property.

(3) "School bus" means any motor bus being used to transport children to and from school or in connection with school activities.

D. The local governing authority which has jurisdiction over zoning matters in which each firearm-free zone is located shall publish a map clearly indicating the boundaries of each firearm-free zone in accordance with the specifications in Subsection A. The firearm-free zone map shall be made an official public document and placed with the clerk of court for the parish or parishes in which the firearm-free zone is located.

E. (1) The state superintendent of education, with the approval of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, and the commissioner of higher education, with the approval of the Board of Regents, shall develop a method by which to mark firearm-free zones, including the use of signs or other markings suitable to the situation. Signs or other markings shall be located in a visible manner on or near each school and on and in each school bus indicating that such area is a firearm-free zone and that such zone extends to one thousand feet from the boundary of school property. The state Department of Education shall assist each approved school with the posting of notice as required in this Subsection.

(2) Signs or other markings, in addition to the method developed pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, shall provide notice that armed law enforcement officers are permitted within the firearm-free zone by including in the signs or other markings the language "Law Enforcement Weapons Permitted" or language substantially similar thereto.

F. (1) It is unlawful for any person to cover, remove, deface, alter, or destroy any sign or other marking identifying a firearm-free zone as provided in this Section.

(2) Whoever violates the provisions of this Subsection shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

**Sec. 98.8. - Operating a vehicle while under suspension for certain prior offenses**

A. It is unlawful to operate a motor vehicle on a public highway where the operator's driving privileges have been suspended under the authority of R.S. 32:414(A)(1), (B)(1) or (2), (D)(1)(a), or R.S. 32:667. It shall not be a violation of the provisions of this Section when a person operates a motor vehicle to obtain emergency medical care for himself or any other person.

B. Whoever violates the provisions of this Section shall be imprisoned for not less than fifteen days nor more than six months without benefit of suspension of imposition or execution of sentence, except as provided in Subsection C of this Section.

C. In addition to other penalties imposed pursuant to this Title, when the operator's driving privileges were suspended for manslaughter, vehicular homicide, negligent homicide, first degree vehicular negligent injuring, or a third or subsequent violation of operating a vehicle while intoxicated, the offender shall be imprisoned for not less than ninety days nor more than one year without benefit of suspension of imposition or execution of sentence.

**Sec. 99.2. - Reckless operation of an off-road vehicle**

A. Reckless operation of an off-road vehicle is the operation of any off-road vehicle in a criminally negligent or reckless manner upon any public roadway or right of way.

B. (1) For purposes of this Section, "off-road vehicle" shall include but not be limited to three-wheelers, four-wheelers, dirt bikes, or other all-terrain vehicles that are not specifically designed for use on public roads and highways.

- (2) For the purposes of this Section, acts which may constitute reckless operation of an off-road vehicle shall include but not be limited to operating the vehicle on a public roadway or right of way in a manner that:
  - (a) Forces another vehicle to leave the roadway.
  - (b) Collides with another vehicle or person.
  - (c) Exceeds the posted speed limit.
  - (d) Travels against the flow of traffic.
  - (e) Disregards traffic control devices.
  - (f) Drives around or between standing or moving vehicles without regard to lanes of traffic.
  - (g) Impedes traffic flow.
  - (h) Travels off the roadway and back on to the roadway deliberately.
- (3) For purposes of this Section, reckless operation of an off-road vehicle shall also include operating the vehicle on a public roadway or right of way:
  - (a) While performing stunts of showmanship, such as riding wheelies or acrobatic stunts.
  - (b) While harassing the drivers of other vehicles or pedestrians by verbal taunting or making threatening gestures.
  - (c) While corralling an occupied vehicle or a pedestrian.
- C. It shall be unlawful for a person to solicit or to assist in soliciting participation in any rally, ride, or gathering that encourages the violation of this Section by the use of a computer online service, internet service, or any other means of electronic communication, including but not limited to a local bulletin board service, internet chat room, electronic mail, social media, or online messaging service.
- D. Any drivers of motor vehicles participating in or traveling in support of persons in violation of this Section shall be considered in violation of this Section. Persons who are directly participating in this activity by photographing or filming violations of this Section to document the activity for the riders shall also be considered in violation of this Section. This Section shall not apply to individuals who are not participating in the violation of this Section and who are filming or photographing.
- E. (1) Whoever commits a violation of this Section shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars, or imprisoned for not more than ninety days, or both.
- (2) In addition to any other sentence, the court shall order, upon motion of the prosecuting district attorney, that the off-road vehicle being operated by the offender at the time of the offense be seized and impounded and destroyed when:
  - (a) The driver was wearing a hood, mask, or disguise of any kind with the intent to hide or conceal his identity during the commission of the crime of reckless operation of an off-road vehicle.
  - (b) It is a second or subsequent conviction for the offender pursuant to this Section.
  - (c) The driver has a previous conviction in this state or under a similar law in another state for:
    - (i) R.S. 14:96, aggravated obstruction of a highway of commerce.
    - (ii) R.S. 14:97, simple obstruction of a highway of commerce.
    - (iii) R.S. 14:99, reckless operation.
    - (iv) R.S. 14:108, resisting an officer.
- (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, the off-road vehicle shall not be destroyed if it was stolen, or if the driver of the off-road vehicle at the time of the violation was not the owner and the owner did not know that the driver was operating the off-road vehicle in violation of this Section. However, the off-road vehicle shall not be released from impoundment until such time as towing and storage fees have been paid. In addition, the off-road vehicle shall not be destroyed if the towing and storage fees are paid by a valid lienholder.
- (4) If the district attorney elects to seize and impound the off-road vehicle, he shall file a written motion at least five days prior to sentencing, stating his intention to destroy the off-road vehicle. When the district attorney elects to seize, impound, and destroy the off-road vehicle, the court shall order it seized

and impounded. The court shall also order the vehicle destroyed unless the provisions of Paragraph (3) of this Subsection are applicable.

**Sec. 102. - Definitions; cruelty to animals**

The following words, phrases, and terms as used in R.S. 14:102.1 through R.S. 14:102.4 shall be defined and construed as follows:

- (1) "Cruel" means every act or failure to act whereby unjustifiable physical pain or suffering is caused or permitted.
- (2) "Abandons" means to completely forsake and desert an animal previously under the custody or possession of a person without making reasonable arrangements for its proper care, sustenance, and shelter.
- (3) "Proper food" means providing each animal with daily food of sufficient quality and quantity to prevent unnecessary or unjustifiable suffering by the animal.
- (4) "Proper water" means providing each animal with daily water of sufficient quality and quantity to prevent unnecessary or unjustifiable suffering by the animal.
- (5) "Proper shelter" means providing each animal with adequate shelter from the elements as required to prevent unnecessary or unjustifiable suffering by the animal.
- (6) "Proper veterinary care" means providing each animal with veterinary care sufficient to prevent unnecessary or unjustifiable physical pain or suffering by the animal.
- (7) "Livestock" means cattle, sheep, swine, goats, horses, mules, burros, asses, other livestock of all ages, farm-raised cervidae species, and farm-raised ratite species.
- (8) "Public livestock exhibition" means any place, establishment, or facility commonly known as a "livestock market", "livestock auction market", "sales ring", "stockyard", or the like, operated for compensation or profit as a public market for livestock, consisting of pens, or other enclosures, and their appurtenances, in which livestock are received, held, sold, or kept for sale or shipment. "Public livestock exhibition" also means any public exhibition or sale of livestock or a livestock show.
- (9) "Tampers" means any of the following:
  - (a) The injection, use, or administration of any drug or other internal or external administration of any product or material, whether gas, solid, or liquid, to livestock for the purpose of concealing, enhancing, transforming, or changing the true conformation, configuration, condition, natural color, or age of the livestock or making the livestock appear more sound than they actually are.
  - (b) The use or administration, for cosmetic purposes, of steroids, growth stimulants, or internal artificial filling, including paraffin, silicone injection, or any other substance.
  - (c) The use or administration of any drug or feed additive affecting the central nervous system of the livestock, unless administered or prescribed by a licensed veterinarian for the treatment of an illness or an injury.
  - (d) The use or administration of diuretics for cosmetic purposes.
  - (e) The surgical manipulation or removal of tissue so as to change, transform, or enhance the true conformation, configuration, or natural color of the livestock unless the procedure is considered an accepted livestock management practice.

**Sec. 102.1. - Cruelty to animals; simple and aggravated**

**A. (1) Any person who intentionally or with criminal negligence commits any of the following shall be guilty of simple cruelty to animals:**

- (a) Overdrives, overloads, drives when overloaded, or overworks a living animal.
- (b) Torments, cruelly beats, or unjustifiably injures any living animal, whether belonging to himself or another.
- (c) Having charge, custody, or possession of any animal, either as owner or otherwise, unjustifiably fails to provide it with proper food, proper drink, proper shelter, or proper veterinary care.



- (d) **Abandons any animal. A person shall not be considered to have abandoned an animal if he delivers to an animal control center an animal which he found running at large.**
  - (e) **Impounds or confines or causes to be impounded or confined in a pound or other place, a living animal and fails to supply it during such confinement with proper food, proper drink, and proper shelter.**
  - (f) **Carries, or causes to be carried, a living animal in or upon a vehicle or otherwise, in a cruel or inhumane manner.**
  - (g) **Unjustifiably administers any poisonous or noxious drug or substance to any domestic animal or unjustifiably exposes any such drug or substance, with intent that the same shall be taken or swallowed by any domestic animal.**
  - (h) **Injures any animal belonging to another person.**
  - (i) **Mistreats any living animal by any act or omission whereby unnecessary or unjustifiable physical pain, suffering or death is caused to or permitted upon the animal.**
  - (j) **Causes or procures to be done by any person any act enumerated in this Subsection.**
- (2)(a) **Whoever commits the crime of simple cruelty to animals shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars, or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both. In addition, the court may order the offender to pay for any expenses incurred for the housing of the animal and for medical treatment of the animal, pursuant to Code of Criminal Procedure Article 883.2.**
- (b) **Whoever commits a second or subsequent offense of simple cruelty to animals shall be fined not less than five thousand dollars nor more than twenty-five thousand dollars or imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not less than one year nor more than ten years, or both. In addition, the court shall issue an order prohibiting the defendant from owning or keeping animals for a period of time deemed appropriate by the court.**
- (c) **In addition to any other penalty imposed, a person who commits the crime of cruelty to animals shall be ordered to perform five eight-hour days of court-approved community service. The community service requirement shall not be suspended.**
- (d) **In addition to any other penalty imposed, the court may order a psychological evaluation or anger management treatment for a first conviction of the crime of simple cruelty to animals. For a second or subsequent offense of the crime of simple cruelty to an animal, the court shall order a psychological evaluation or anger management treatment. Any costs associated with any evaluation or treatment ordered by the court shall be borne by the defendant.**
- (3) **For purposes of this Subsection, if more than one animal is subject to an act of cruel treatment by an offender, each act shall constitute a separate offense.**
- B. (1) Any person who intentionally or with criminal negligence tortures, maims, or mutilates any living animal, whether belonging to himself or another, shall be guilty of aggravated cruelty to animals.**
- (2) **Any person who tampers with livestock at a public livestock exhibition or at a private sale shall also be guilty of aggravated cruelty to animals.**
- (3) **Any person who causes or procures to be done by any person any act designated in this Subsection shall also be guilty of aggravated cruelty to animals.**
- (4) **Any person who intentionally or with criminal negligence mistreats any living animal whether belonging to himself or another by any act or omission which causes or permits unnecessary or unjustifiable physical pain, suffering, or death to the animal shall also be guilty of aggravated cruelty to animals.**
- (5) **In addition to any other penalty imposed for a violation of this Subsection, the offender shall be ordered to undergo a psychological evaluation and subsequently recommended psychological treatment and shall be banned by court order from owning or keeping animals for a period of time deemed appropriate by the court. Any costs associated with any evaluation or treatment ordered by the court shall be borne by the defendant.**

- (6) Whoever commits the crime of aggravated cruelty to animals shall be fined not less than five thousand dollars nor more than twenty-five thousand dollars or imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not less than one year nor more than ten years, or both.
  - (7) For purposes of this Subsection, where more than one animal is tortured, maimed, mutilated, or maliciously killed or where more than one head of livestock is tampered with, each act comprises a separate offense.
- C. This Section shall not apply to any of the following:
- (1) The lawful hunting or trapping of wildlife as provided by law.
  - (2) Herding of domestic animals.
  - (3) Accepted veterinary practices.
  - (4) Activities carried on for scientific or medical research governed by accepted standards.
  - (5) Traditional rural Mardi Gras parades, processions, or runs involving chickens.
  - (6) Nothing in this Section shall prohibit the standard transportation and agricultural processing of agriculture products as defined in R.S. 3:3602(5) and (6).

**Sec. 102.2. - Seizure and disposition of animals cruelly treated**

- A. When a person is charged with cruelty to animals, said person's animal may be seized by the arresting officer and held pursuant to this Section.
- B. (1) The seizing officer shall notify the owner of the seized animal of the provisions of this Section by posting written notice at the location where the animal was seized or by leaving it with a person of suitable age and discretion residing at that location within twenty-four hours of the seizure.
- (2) The seizing officer shall photograph the animal within fifteen days after posting of the notice of seizure and shall cause an affidavit to be prepared in order to document its condition in accordance with R.S. 15:436.2.
- (3) The seizing officer shall appoint a licensed veterinarian or other suitable custodian to care for any such animal. The custodian shall retain custody of the animal in accordance with this Section.
- (4) The seized animal shall be held by the custodian provided for in Paragraph (3) for a period of fifteen consecutive days, including weekends and holidays, after such notice of seizure is given. Thereafter, if a person who claims an interest in such animal has not posted bond in accordance with Subsection C, the animal may be humanely disposed of by sale, adoption, or euthanasia.
- C. (1) A person claiming an interest in any animal seized pursuant to this Section may prevent the disposition of the animal as provided for in Subsection B of this Section by posting a bond with the court within fifteen days after receiving notice of such seizure. Such bond shall prevent the disposition of the animal for a period of thirty days commencing on the date of initial seizure.
- (2)(a) The amount of the bond shall be determined by the department, agency, humane society, and the custodian of the animal as authorized by the court and shall be sufficient to secure payment for all reasonable costs incurred during the thirty-day period for the boarding and medical treatment of the animal after examination by a licensed veterinarian.
- (b) The court shall order that the bond be given to the custodian of the animal to cover such costs.
- (3) Such bond shall not prevent the department, agency, humane society, or other custodian of the animal from disposing of the animal in accordance with Subsection B of this Section at the end of the thirty-day period covered by the bond, unless the person claiming an interest posts an additional bond for such reasonable expenses for an additional thirty-day period. In addition, such bond shall not prevent disposition of the animal for humane purposes at any time, in accordance with Subsection E of this Section.
- D. Upon a person's conviction of cruelty to animals, it shall be proper for the court, in its discretion, to order the forfeiture and final determination of the custody of any animal found to be cruelly treated in accordance with this Section and the forfeiture of the bond posted pursuant to Subsection C as part of the sentence. The court may, in its discretion, order the payment of any reasonable or additional costs incurred in the boarding or veterinary treatment of any seized animal prior to its disposition, whether or not a bond was posted by the

defendant. In the event of the acquittal or final discharge without conviction of the accused, the court shall, on demand, direct the delivery of any animal held in custody to the owner thereof and order the return of any bond posted pursuant to Subsection C, less reasonable administrative costs.

E. Nothing in this Section shall prevent the euthanasia of any seized animal, at any time, whether or not any bond was posted, if a licensed veterinarian determines that the animal is not likely to survive and is suffering, as a result of any physical condition. In such instances, the court, in its discretion, may order the return of any bond posted, less reasonable costs, at the time of trial.

**Sec. 102.3. - Search warrant; animal cruelty offenses**

If the complaint is made, by affidavit, to any magistrate authorized to issue search warrants in criminal cases, that the complainant has reason to believe that an animal has been or is being cruelly treated in violation of R.S. 14:102.1, in any building or place, such magistrate, if satisfied that there is reasonable cause for such belief, shall issue a search warrant to any law enforcement officer authorized by law to make arrests for such offenses, authorizing any such officer to make a search of said building or place, and to arrest any person found violating R.S. 14:102.1. Said warrant may also authorize said officer to seize any animal believed to be cruelly treated and to take custody thereof. This section shall not be construed as a limitation on the power of law enforcement officers to seize animals as evidence at the time of the arrest.

**Sec. 102.4. - Confined animals; necessary food and water**

When a living animal is impounded or confined, and continues without necessary food and water for more than twenty-four consecutive hours, any law enforcement officer may, as often as is necessary, enter any place in which the animal is impounded or confined and supply it with necessary food and water so long as it shall remain impounded or confined.

**Sec. 102.10. - Bear wrestling; penalty**

A. Any person who intentionally commits any of the following shall be guilty of bear wrestling:

- (1) Promotes, engages in, or is employed by anyone who conducts a bear wrestling match.
- (2) Receives money for the admission of another person to a place kept for bear wrestling matches.
- (3) Sells, purchases, possesses, or trains a bear for a bear wrestling match.

B. For the purposes of this Section, a "bear wrestling match" means a match or contest between one or more persons and a bear for the purpose of fighting or engaging in a physical altercation.

C. Whoever commits the crime of bear wrestling shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

**Sec. 102.19. - Hog and canine fighting prohibited; penalties**

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to organize or conduct any commercial or private event, wherein there is a display of combat or fighting among one or more domestic or feral canines and feral or domestic hogs and in which it is intended or reasonably foreseeable that the canines or hogs would be injured, maimed, mutilated, or killed.

B. It shall be unlawful for any person to intentionally do any of the following for the purpose of organizing, conducting, or financially or materially supporting any event as provided in Subsection A of this Section:

- (1) Finance, commercially advertise, sell admission tickets, or employ persons.
- (2) Own, manage, or operate any facility or property.
- (3) Supply, breed, train, or keep canines or hogs.
- (4) Knowingly purchase tickets of admission.

C. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to any competitive event in which canines, which are trained for hunting or herding activities, are released in an open area or an enclosed area to locate and corner hogs, and in which competitive points are deducted if a hog is caught and held, unless by such actions it is reasonably foreseeable that the canines or hogs would be injured, maimed, mutilated, or killed.

D. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to the lawful hunting of hogs with canines or the use of canines for the management, farming, or herding of hogs which are livestock or the private training of canines for the purposes

enumerated in this Subsection provided that such training is conducted in the field and is not in violation of the provisions of Subsection A of this Section.

E. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to “Uncle Earl's Hog Dog Trials”, as defined in R.S. 49:170.10.

F. Whoever violates the provisions of this Section shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars, or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

G. For the purposes of this Section:

(1) “Hog” shall include a pig, swine, or boar.

(2) “Person” means an individual, corporation, partnership, trust, firm, association or other legal entity.

**Sec. 102.20. - Sport killing of zoo or circus animals prohibited**

A. No person shall kill for sport an animal that is presently or was formerly a part of a zoo or circus.

B. No zoo or circus shall provide, sell, or donate any animal for use in any business or activity wherein the animal may be intentionally killed for sport.

C. No person shall knowingly transfer or conspire to transfer any animal from a zoo or circus to any business, person, or activity wherein the animal may be intentionally killed for sport.

D. No business or person wherein an animal may be intentionally killed for sport shall purchase, accept as a donation, or receive any animal that was formerly a part of a zoo or circus.

E. Whoever violates the provisions of this Section or rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

**Sec. 102.25. - Unlawfully supplying any product for the purpose of falsifying a screening test**

A. Unlawfully supplying any product for the purpose of falsifying or altering a drug, urine, or alcohol screening test is committed when a person intentionally:

(1) Sells, trades, furnishes, supplies, gives, distributes, or markets human or synthetic urine in this state or transports human or synthetic urine into this state with the intent of using the urine to falsify or alter results in a urine, drug, or alcohol screening test.

(2) Advertises for sale any product designed to falsify or alter a urine, drug, or alcohol screening test.

(3) Adulterates a urine or other bodily fluid sample with the intent to falsify or alter results in a urine, drug, or alcohol screening test.

(4) Possesses adulterants which are intended to be used to adulterate a urine or other bodily fluid sample for the purpose of falsifying or altering results in a urine, drug, or alcohol screening test.

(5) Sells, trades, furnishes, supplies, gives, distributes, or markets an adulterant with the intent by the seller or marketer that the product be used to adulterate a urine or other bodily fluid sample for the purpose of falsifying or altering results in a urine, drug, or alcohol screening test.

B. The intent to falsify or alter results in a urine, drug, or alcohol screening test shall be presumed if either of the following occur:

(1) A heating element or any other device used to thwart a drug screening test accompanies the sale, trading, furnishing, supplying, giving, distribution, or marketing of urine or adulterants.

(2) Instructions that provide a method for thwarting a drug screening test accompany the sale, giving, distribution, or marketing of urine or adulterants.

C. As used in this Section, “adulterant” means a substance that is not expected to be in human urine or a substance expected to be present in human urine but that is at a concentration so high that it is not consistent with human urine, including, but not limited to:

(1) Bleach.

(2) Chromium.

(3) Creatinine.

(4) Detergent.

(5) Glutaraldehyde.

(6) Hydrochloric acid.

(7) Hydroiodic acid.

(8) Iodine.

- (9) Nitrite.
- (10) Peroxidase.
- (11) Potassium dichromate.
- (12) Potassium nitrite.
- (13) Pyridinium chlorochromate.
- (14) Sodium nitrite.

**D. Whoever commits the crime of unlawfully supplying any product for the purpose of falsifying or altering a drug, urine, or alcohol screening test shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars, or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.**

**Sec. 102.27. - Unlawful sale of a live dog or cat at certain locations**

**A. It shall be unlawful for any person to offer for sale or sell any dog or cat on any highway, right-of-way, flea market, public park, public playground, public swimming pool, any other public recreational area, or adjacent property to such locations regardless of whether or not access to those locations is authorized, or on any commercial or retail parking lot unless permission is granted by the owner of the parking lot.**

**B. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to:**

- (1) Bona fide humane societies, animal welfare groups, animal control agencies, or nonprofit organizations sponsoring animal adoption events.
- (2) The offering of dogs or cats for sale at a private residence.
- (3) The offering of dogs or cats for sale by a paid entrant to a competitive cat show or dog show, provided that the sale occurs on the premises and within the confines of the show.
- (4) Any retail pet store or licensed breeder.
- (5) Any raffle or drawing for a dog or cat which is a fundraising event for a waterfowl, wetland, or natural resources conservation organization.

**C. (1) Whoever violates the provisions of this Section shall be fined not more than two hundred fifty dollars for a first offense.**

**(2) Whoever violates the provisions of this Section for a second or subsequent offense shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars per violation.**

**D. For the purposes of this Section:**

**(1) "Highway" means the entire width between the boundary lines of every way or place of whatever nature publicly maintained and open to the use of the public for the purpose of vehicular travel, including bridges, causeways, tunnels, and ferries; synonymous with the word "street".**

**(2) "Right-of-way" means the privilege of the immediate use of the highway.**

**Sec. 102.28. - Transporting live feral swine prohibited; penalties**

**A. It shall be unlawful to transport live feral swine by any person not in possession of proof of registration as a feral swine authorized transporter with the Louisiana Board of Animal Health within the Department of Agriculture and Forestry.**

**B. For the purposes of this Section, "feral swine" shall mean any hog, pig, or swine species, *Sus scrofa*, including but not limited to Russian and European wild boar and their hybrids that are running at large, free roaming, or wild upon public or private lands in this state, and shall also include any hog, pig, or swine species that has lived any part of its life running at large, free roaming, or wild. The term feral swine shall also include any feral phenotype swine, whether or not running at large, free roaming, or wild.**

**C. Whoever violates the provisions of this Section shall be fined not more than nine hundred dollars, or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.**

**D. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to "Uncle Earl's Hog Dog Trials" as defined in R.S. 49:170.10.**

**Sec. 102.29. - Unlawful possession, transfer, or manufacture of animal fighting paraphernalia**

**A. It shall be unlawful for any person to possess, purchase, sell, transfer, or manufacture animal fighting paraphernalia with the intent to engage in, promote, or facilitate animal fighting in violation of R.S. 14:102.1, 102.5, or 102.23, or any other provision of law.**

**B. For purposes of this Section, "animal fighting paraphernalia" means equipment, products, implements, or materials of any kind that are used, intended for use, or designed for use in the training, preparation, conditioning, or furtherance of animal fighting, and includes but is not limited to the following:**

- (1) **Breaking sticks.**
  - (2) **Cat mills.**
  - (3) **Treadmills.**
  - (4) **Fighting pits.**
  - (5) **Spring poles.**
  - (6) **Unprescribed veterinary medicine.**
  - (7) **Veterinary treatment supplies.**
  - (8)(a) **Spurs, gaffs, knives, leather training spur covers, slashers, heels, or any other sharp implement designed to be attached in place of the natural spur of a cock or game fowl.**
  - (b) **This Paragraph shall not be construed to prohibit the possessing, buying, selling, or trading of any spurs, gaffs, knives, leather training spur covers, or any other items normally used in cockfighting that are at least five years old and have historical value.**
- C. Nothing in this Section shall prohibit the training of animals or the use of equipment in the training of animals for any purpose not prohibited by law.**
- D. Whoever violates the provisions of this Section shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars, or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.**
- Sec. 107. – Reserved (Vagrancy-Repealed)**
- Sec. 107.2. – Hate Crimes**
- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to select the victim of the following offenses against person and property because of actual or perceived race, age, gender, religion, color, creed, disability, sexual orientation, national origin, or ancestry of that person or the owner or occupant of that property or because of actual or perceived membership or service in, or employment with, an organization, or because of actual or perceived employment as a law enforcement officer, firefighter, or emergency medical services personnel: first or second degree murder; manslaughter; battery; aggravated battery; second degree battery; aggravated assault with a firearm; terrorizing; menacing; mingling harmful substances; simple or third degree rape, forcible or second degree rape, or aggravated or first degree rape; sexual battery; second degree sexual battery; oral sexual battery; carnal knowledge of a juvenile; indecent behavior with juveniles; molestation of a juvenile or a person with a physical or mental disability; simple, second degree, or aggravated kidnapping; simple or aggravated arson; communicating of false information of planned arson; simple or aggravated criminal damage to property; contamination of water supplies; simple or aggravated burglary; criminal trespass; simple, first degree, or armed robbery; purse snatching; extortion; theft; desecration of graves; institutional vandalism; or assault by drive-by shooting.**
- B. If the underlying offense named in Subsection A of this Section is a misdemeanor, and the victim of the offense listed in Subsection A of this Section is selected in the manner proscribed by that Subsection, the offender may be fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both. This sentence shall run consecutively to the sentence for the underlying offense.**
- C. If the underlying offense named in Subsection A of this Section is a felony, and the victim of the offense listed in Subsection A of this Section is selected in the manner proscribed by that Subsection, the offender may be fined not more than five thousand dollars or imprisoned with or without hard labor for not more than five years, or both. This sentence shall run consecutively to the sentence for the underlying offense.**
- D. “Organization”, as used in this Section, means all of the following:**
- (1) **Any lawful corporation, trust, company, partnership, association, foundation, or fund.**
  - (2) **Any lawful group of persons, whether or not incorporated, banded together for joint action on any subject or subjects.**
  - (3) **Any entity or unit of federal, state, or local government.**
- E. As used in this Section:**
- (1) **“Emergency medical services personnel” shall have the same meaning ascribed to it by R.S. 40:1075.3.**
  - (2) **“Firefighter” means any firefighter regularly employed by a fire department of any municipality, parish, or fire protection district of the state of Louisiana.**

- (3) **“Law enforcement officer”** means any active or retired city, parish, or state law enforcement officer, peace officer, sheriff, deputy sheriff, probation or parole officer, marshal, deputy, wildlife enforcement agent, state correctional officer, or commissioned agent of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, as well as any federal law enforcement officer or employee, whose permanent duties include making arrests, performing search and seizures, execution of criminal arrest warrants, execution of civil seizure warrants, any civil functions performed by sheriffs or deputy sheriffs, enforcement of penal or traffic laws, or the care, custody, control, or supervision of inmates.

**Sec. 107.30 - Criminal blighting of property**

**A. The terms used in this Section shall have the following meanings:**

- (1) **“Blighted property”** means those commercial or residential premises, including lots, which have been declared vacant, uninhabitable, and hazardous by an administrative hearing officer acting pursuant to R.S. 13:2575 or 2576 or other applicable law. Such premises may include premises which, because of their physical condition, are considered hazardous to persons or property, have been declared or certified blighted, and have been declared to be a public nuisance by an administrative hearing officer acting pursuant to R.S. 13:2575 or 2576, or any other applicable law.
- (2) **“Housing violations”** means only those conditions in privately owned structures which are determined to constitute a threat or danger to the public health, safety, and welfare or to the environment.
- (3) **“Public nuisance”** means any garage, shed, barn, house, building, or structure, that by reason of the condition in which it is permitted to remain, may endanger the health, life, limb, or property of any person, or cause any hurt, harm, damages, injury, or loss to any person in any one or more of the following conditions:
- (a) The property is dilapidated, decayed, unsafe, or unsanitary, is detrimental to health, morals, safety, public welfare, and the well-being of the community, endangers life or property, or is conducive to ill health, delinquency, and crime.
- (b) The property is a fire hazard.
- (c) The conditions present on the property and its surrounding grounds are not reasonably or adequately maintained, thereby causing deterioration and creating a blighting influence or condition on nearby properties and thereby depreciating the value, use, and enjoyment to such an extent that it is harmful to the public health, welfare, morals, safety, and the economic stability of the area, community, or neighborhood in which such public nuisance is located.

**B. Criminal blighting of property is the intentional or criminally negligent permitting of the existence of a condition of deterioration of property by the owner, which is deemed to have occurred when the property has been declared or certified as blighted after an administrative hearing, pursuant to R.S. 13:2575 or 2576, and after all reviews or appeals have occurred.**

- C. (1) On the first conviction, the offender shall be punished by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars. Imposition of a fine may be suspended and in lieu thereof, the court may require the offender to correct all existing housing violations on the blighted property.**
- (2) On a second conviction, the offender shall be punished by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars and ordered to perform not more than forty hours of community service. Additionally, the court shall require that the offender correct all existing housing violations on the blighted property.**
- (3) On any third or subsequent conviction, the offender shall be punished by a fine not to exceed two thousand dollars, and ordered to perform not more than eighty hours of community service, or both. Additionally, the court shall require that the offender correct all existing housing violations on the blighted property.**
- D. On any conviction under Paragraph (C) (2) or (3) of this Section, the court may order the offender to occupy the blighted property for a designated period of time not to exceed sixty days.**

- E. Any offense committed more than five years prior to the commission of the crime for which the defendant is being tried shall not be considered in the assessment of penalties hereunder.**
- F. The satisfactory performance of correction of housing violations on the blighted property provided for in this Section shall include inspections by a municipal entity responsible for inspecting property and enforcing health, housing, fire, historic district, and environment codes, or any other entity designated by the local governing authority, whose representatives shall report to the court on the successful or otherwise, correction of housing violations on the blighted property.**
- G. Community service activities as used in this Section may include clearing properties that have been declared or certified as blighted or a public nuisance as set forth herein, of debris, cutting grass, performing repairs, and otherwise correcting any situations giving rise to housing violations. Correction of housing violations on the offender's own property will not be considered as fulfillment of the offender's community service hour's requirement. All community service activities assessed under this Section will be under the direct supervision of a municipal entity responsible for inspecting property and enforcing health, housing, fire, historic district, and environmental codes, or any other entity designated by the local governing authority.**

**Sec. 107.4. - Unlawful posting of criminal activity for notoriety and publicity**

- A. It shall be unlawful for a person who is either a principal or accessory to a crime to obtain an image of the commission of the crime using any camera, videotape, photo-optical, photo-electric, or any other image recording device and to transfer that image obtained during the commission of the crime by the use of a computer online service, Internet service, or any other means of electronic communication, including but not limited to a local bulletin board service, Internet chat room, electronic mail, or online messaging service for the purpose of gaining notoriety, publicity, or the attention of the public.**
- B. (1) Whoever violates the provisions of this Section shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.**  
**(2) Whoever violates the provisions of this Section and the criminal activity results in the serious bodily injury or death of the victim shall be fined not more than two thousand dollars, imprisoned with or without hard labor for not more than eight years, or both.**
- C. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to any of the following:**
  - (1) The obtaining, use, or transference of such images by a telephone company, cable television company, or any of its affiliates, an Internet provider, or commercial online service provider, or to the carrying, broadcasting, or performing of related activities in providing telephone, cable television, Internet, or commercial online services or in the production, exhibition, or presentation of an audiovisual work in any medium, including but not limited to a motion picture or television program.**
  - (2) The obtaining, use, or transference of images by a law enforcement officer pursuant to investigation of criminal activity.**
  - (3) The obtaining, use, or transference of images by any bona fide member of the news media broadcasting a news report through television, cable television, or other telecommunication.**
  - (4) The obtaining, use, or transference of images for use in a feature-length film, short subject film, video, television series, television program, public service announcement, or commercial.**
- D. After the institution of prosecution, access to any material seized as evidence of this offense shall be in accordance with Code of Criminal Procedure Article 718.1.**
- E. Any evidence resulting from the commission of unlawful filming or recording criminal activity shall be contraband. The court, upon motion of the district attorney and after a contradictory hearing, may order the destruction of the contraband after it is determined that it is no longer needed as evidence. The contraband shall be presumed to be necessary as evidence if an appeal of the conviction is pending, if the convicted person is pursuing post-conviction remedies, or if the time for pursuing an appeal or post-conviction remedies has not expired.**

**Sec. 107.5. - Solicitation of funds or transportation for certain unlawful purposes**



- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to solicit funds or transportation with the intention to solicit the person to engage in indiscriminate sexual intercourse for compensation.
- B. For purposes of this Section, “sexual intercourse” means anal, oral, or vaginal sexual intercourse.
- C. Whoever violates the provisions of this Section shall be fined not more than two hundred dollars, imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

**Sec. 108. – Resisting an officer**

- A. Resisting an officer is the intentional interference with, opposition or resistance to, or obstruction of an individual acting in his official capacity and authorized by law to make a lawful arrest, lawful detention, or seizure of property or to serve any lawful process or court order when the offender knows or has reason to know that the person arresting, detaining, seizing property, or serving process is acting in his official capacity.
- B. (1) The phrase “obstruction of” as used herein shall, in addition to its common meaning, signification, and connotation mean the following:
  - (a) Flight by one sought to be arrested before the arresting officer can restrain him and after notice is given that he is under arrest.
  - (b) Any violence toward or any resistance or opposition to the arresting officer after the arrested party is actually placed under arrest and before he is incarcerated in jail.
  - (c) Refusal by the arrested or detained party to give his name and make his identity known to the arresting or detaining officer or providing false information regarding the identity of such party to the officer.
  - (d) Congregation with others on a public street and refusal to move on when ordered by the officer.
  - (e) Knowing interference with a police cordon resulting from the intentional crossing or traversing of a police cordon by an unauthorized person or an unmanned aircraft system (UAS). The cordoned area includes the airspace above the cordoned area.
    - (i) For purposes of this Subparagraph, “police cordon” means any impediment or structure erected or established by an officer for crowd or traffic control, or to prevent or obstruct the passage of a person at the scene of a crime or investigation.
    - (ii) “Impediment or structure” includes but is not limited to crime scene tape, rope, cable, wire or metal barricades, or the posting of uniformed officers or other personnel otherwise identifiable as law enforcement officers.
    - (iii) “Unmanned aircraft system” shall have the same meaning as provided by R.S. 14:337(B).
    - (iv) If the flight of a UAS into the cordoned area endangers the public or an officer's safety, law enforcement personnel or fire department personnel are authorized to disable the UAS.
- (2) The word “officer” as used herein means any peace officer, as defined in R.S. 40:2402, and includes deputy sheriffs, municipal police officers, probation and parole officers, city marshals and deputies, and wildlife enforcement agents.
- C. Whoever commits the crime of resisting an officer shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or be imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

**Sec. 129.2. - Recording, listening to, or observing proceedings of grand or petit juries while deliberating or voting**

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly and intentionally, by any means or device whatsoever, to do either of the following:
  - (1) To record or attempt to record the proceedings of any grand or petit jury in any court of the state of Louisiana while such jury is deliberating or voting.
  - (2) To listen to or observe, or attempt to listen to or observe, the proceedings of any grand or petit jury of which he is not a member in any court of the state of Louisiana while such jury is deliberating or voting.
- B. Whoever violates the provisions of this Section shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars, or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

**Sec. 130. – Jury misconduct**

- A. Jury misconduct is committed when:

- (1) Any petit or grand juror shall make any promise or agreement to give a verdict or finding for or against any party.
- (2) Any petit juror shall intentionally permit any person to influence him, or attempt to influence him, in respect to his verdict in any case pending, or about to be brought before him, otherwise than in the regular course of proceedings upon the trial of such cause.
- (3) Any petit juror shall either use or consume any beverage of low or high alcoholic content during the time he is in actual service as juror.
- (4) Any petit juror accepts or offers to accept anything of apparent present or prospective value, before he is discharged from his services as a juror, even if the thing of value is not to be received, delivered, or come to fruition until after discharge from jury service, for his interpretation, impression, analysis or narrative, verbal or written, regarding any element of the criminal trial or jury deliberations.

**B. Whoever commits the crime of jury misconduct, shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars, or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.**

**Sec. 130.1. – Obstruction of justice**

**A. The crime of obstruction of justice is any of the following when committed with the knowledge that such act has, reasonably may, or will affect an actual or potential present, past, or future criminal proceeding as described in this Section:**

- (1) **Tampering with evidence with the specific intent of distorting the results of any criminal investigation or proceeding which may reasonably prove relevant to a criminal investigation or proceeding. Tampering with evidence shall include the intentional alteration, movement, removal, or addition of any object or substance either:**
  - (a) **At the location of any incident which the perpetrator knows or has good reason to believe will be the subject of any investigation by state, local, or United States law enforcement officers; or**
  - (b) **At the location of storage, transfer, or place of review of any such evidence.**
- (2) **Using or threatening force toward the person or property of another with the specific intent to:**
  - (a) **Influence the testimony of any person in any criminal proceeding;**
  - (b) **Cause or induce the withholding of testimony or withholding of records, documents, or other objects from any criminal proceeding;**
  - (c) **Cause or induce the alteration, destruction, mutilation, or concealment of any object with the specific intent to impair the object's integrity or availability for use in any criminal proceeding;**
  - (d) **Evade legal process or the summoning of a person to appear as a witness or to produce a record, document, or other object in any criminal proceeding;**
  - (e) **Cause the hindrance, delay, or prevention of the communication to a peace officer, as defined in R.S. 14:30, of information relating to an arrest or potential arrest or relating to the commission or possible commission of a crime or parole or probation violation.**
- (3) **Retaliating against any witness, victim, juror, judge, party, attorney, or informant by knowingly engaging in any conduct which results in bodily injury to or damage to the property of any such person or the communication of threats to do so with the specific intent to retaliate against any person for:**
  - (a) **The attendance as a witness, juror, judge, attorney, or a party to any criminal proceeding or for producing evidence or testimony for use or potential use in any criminal proceeding, or**
  - (b) **The giving of information, evidence, or any aid relating to the commission or possible commission of a parole or probation violation or any crime under the laws of any state or of the United States.**
- (4) **Inducing or persuading or attempting to induce or persuade any person to do any of the following:**
  - (a) **Testify falsely or, without right or privilege to do so, to withhold any testimony.**
  - (b) **Without the right or privilege to do so, absent himself from such proceedings despite having received service of a subpoena.**

**B. Whoever commits the crime of obstruction of justice shall be subject to the following penalties:**

- (1) When the obstruction of justice involves a criminal proceeding in which a sentence of death or life imprisonment may be imposed, the offender shall be fined not more than one hundred thousand dollars, imprisoned for not more than forty years at hard labor, or both.**
- (2) When the obstruction of justice involves a criminal proceeding in which a sentence of imprisonment necessarily at hard labor for any period less than a life sentence may be imposed, the offender may be fined not more than fifty thousand dollars, or imprisoned for not more than twenty years at hard labor, or both.**
- (3) When the obstruction of justice involves any other criminal proceeding, except as provided in Paragraph (4) of this Subsection, the offender shall be fined not more than ten thousand dollars, imprisoned for not more than five years, with or without hard labor, or both.**
- (4) When the obstruction of justice is committed as described in Paragraph (A)(1) of this Section and involves any misdemeanor criminal proceeding that does not involve an intentional misdemeanor directly affecting the person, the offender shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars, imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.**

**Sec. 133.2. - Misrepresentation during booking**

**A. Misrepresentation during booking is the misrepresentation of, or refusal by a person being booked to provide his name, age, sex, residence, or social security number to any law enforcement officer or official who is booking him pursuant to a lawful arrest, or the refusal of such person to submit to fingerprinting or photographing.**

**B. Whoever commits the crime of misrepresentation during booking shall be imprisoned for not more than six months, provided that any such sentence shall be made to run concurrently with any other sentence.**

**Sec. 133.4. - Misrepresentation during issuance of a misdemeanor summons or preparation of a juvenile custodial agreement**

**A. Misrepresentation during issuance of a misdemeanor summons or preparation of a juvenile custodial agreement is the giving of false information to any law enforcement officer preparing such document, by a person being issued a misdemeanor summons, or a person giving information or signing such juvenile custodial agreement.**

**B. Whoever commits the crime of misrepresentation during issuance of a misdemeanor summons, or preparation of a juvenile custodial agreement shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.**

**Sec. 133.5. - Filing a false complaint against a law enforcement officer**

**A. Filing a false complaint against a law enforcement officer is knowingly filing, by affidavit under oath, a false statement or false representation with a law enforcement agency regarding the conduct, job performance, or behavior of a law enforcement officer for the purpose of initiating an administrative action against that law enforcement officer.**

**B. For the purposes of this Section, "law enforcement officer" shall include commissioned police officers, state troopers, sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, marshals, deputy marshals, correctional officers, constables, wildlife enforcement agents, and probation and parole officers.**

**C. Whoever commits the crime of filing false statements against law enforcement officers shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than six months, or both.**

**Sec. 137. - Enforcement of State Fire Marshal Orders**

**A. The enforcement personnel of the state fire marshal shall enforce this Part and all other laws under the jurisdiction of the state fire marshal and other lawful orders of the state fire marshal, the violation of which would constitute a misdemeanor offense. The state fire marshal may delegate some or all of such enforcement authority to the chief of a fire department of a political subdivision and his authorized representatives. This enforcement authority shall include the power to issue misdemeanor summons.**

**B. The law enforcement officers of each political subdivision of the state shall enforce this Part and all other laws under the jurisdiction of the state fire marshal and other lawful orders of the state fire marshal.**

**ARTICLE IX. - MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES**

**DIVISION 1. – GENERALLY**

**Sec. 1001.1 – Definition of drug paraphernalia**

**A. As used in this Part, unless the context clearly otherwise indicates, the term “drug paraphernalia” means and includes but is not limited to:**

- (1) All equipment, products, and materials of any kind which are used, intended for use, or designed for use in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting, manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing, preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, repackaging, storing, containing, concealing, injecting, ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing into the human body a controlled substance in violation of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law, as scheduled in R.S. 40:964.**
- (2) Kits used, intended for use, or designed for use in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing, or harvesting of any species of plant which is a controlled substance or from which a controlled substance can be derived.**
- (3) Kits used, intended for use, or designed for use in manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing, or preparing controlled substances.**
- (4) Isomerization devices used, intended for use, or designed for use in increasing the potency of any species of plant which is a controlled substance.**
- (5) Testing equipment used, intended for use, or designed for use in identifying, or in analyzing the strength, effectiveness, or purity of controlled substances.**
- (6) Diluents and adulterants, such as quinine, hydrochloride, mannitol, mannite, dextrose, and lactose, used, intended for use, or designed for use in cutting controlled substances.**
- (7) Separation gins and sifters used, intended for use, or designed for use in removing twigs and seeds from, or in otherwise cleaning or refining, marijuana.**
- (8) Blenders, bowls, containers, spoons, and mixing devices used, intended for use, or designed for use in compounding controlled substances.**
- (9) Capsules, balloons, envelopes, and other containers used, intended for use, or designed for use in packaging small quantities of controlled substances.**
- (10) Containers and other objects used, intended for use, or designed for use in storing or concealing controlled substances.**
- (11) Hypodermic syringes, needles, and other objects used, intended for use, or designed for use in parenterally injecting controlled substances into the human body.**
- (12) Objects used, intended for use, or designed for use in ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing marijuana, cocaine, hashish, or hashish oil into the human body, such as:**
  - (a) Metal, wooden, acrylic, glass, stone, plastic, or ceramic pipes with or without screens, permanent screens, hashish heads, or punctured metal bowls.**
  - (b) Water pipes.**
  - (c) Carburetion tubes and devices.**
  - (d) Smoking and carburetion masks.**
  - (e) Roach clips, meaning objects used to hold burning material, such as a marijuana cigarette, that has become too small or too short to be held in the hand.**
  - (f) Miniature cocaine spoons, and cocaine vials.**
  - (g) Chamber pipes.**
  - (h) Carburetor pipes.**
  - (i) Electric pipes.**
  - (j) Air-driven pipes.**
  - (k) Chillums.**
  - (l) Bongs.**
  - (m) Ice pipes or chillers.**

**B. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the term “drug paraphernalia” shall not include rapid fentanyl test strips (FTS) or any testing**

equipment or devices solely used, intended for use, or designed to determine whether a substance contains fentanyl or its analogues.

- C. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the term “drug paraphernalia” shall not include any equipment or devices solely used or intended for use for the inhalation of raw or crude marijuana, tetrahydrocannabinols, or a chemical derivative of tetrahydrocannabinols when the person is a patient of a state-sponsored medical marijuana program and possesses medical marijuana in a form permissible under sections 7-1001—7-1001.6. for therapeutic use.

**Sec. 1001.5. - Exceptions; defenses; local needle exchanges**

- A. Any provision of law to the contrary herein notwithstanding, the provisions of this Part shall not apply to the manufacture, sale, distribution, or advertisement of any product or object designed and sold primarily for scientific research, industrial, veterinary, or agricultural purposes, or for bona fide medical or clinical use.
- B. It shall be an affirmative defense that the person to whom the drug-related object or advertisement or notice was distributed had a prescription from a licensed medical practitioner or psychiatrist for marijuana or the controlled substance for which the object is primarily intended to be used. It is also an affirmative defense that the drug-related object was designed or marketed as useful primarily for veterinary or agricultural purposes.
- C. Any provision of law to the contrary herein notwithstanding, the provisions of this Part shall not prohibit the establishment and implementation of a needle exchange program within the jurisdiction of a local governing authority, including but not limited to a city, town, or parish, upon the express approval of the local governing authority.

**Sec. 1001.6. - Penalties**

- A. (1) The first violation of or failure to comply with any provision of this Part shall subject the offender to a fine not in excess of three hundred dollars, or imprisonment of not more than fifteen days, or both.
- (2) A conviction for a violation of the provisions of this Part may not be used as a predicate conviction for enhancement purposes under Subsections B and C of this Section if the offender has not been convicted of any violation of the controlled dangerous substances law for a period of two years from the date of completion of sentence, probation, parole, or suspension of sentence for that conviction. The provisions of this Paragraph shall apply only once with respect to any person.
- B. On a second conviction, the offender shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars, or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.
- C. On a third or subsequent conviction, the offender shall be fined not more than two thousand five hundred dollars, or imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than two years, or both.
- D. If the second or subsequent conviction is by any person licensed under the occupational license tax law, as provided in R.S. 47:341 et seq., or by such person's manager, agent, servant, or employee, then such person shall forfeit the right to any permit issued thereunder and such permit may be suspended or revoked.

**Sec. 1001.7. - Contraband; condemnation proceedings**

All instruments, devices, and objects which are seized after the effective date of this Section, on condemnation as being distributed or possessed in violation of this Part, may be destroyed by the authorities making the seizure, but only after compliance with the following procedure. Within ninety days after any seizure is made after the effective date of this Section, the district attorney shall institute condemnation proceedings in district court by petition, a copy of which shall be served upon the owner of the seized items, if known. If the owner is unknown, notice of the proceedings shall be published once a week for two weeks in the official journal of the parish. The petition shall allege that the seized items were distributed or possessed in violation of this Part. Fifteen days after the filing of the petition, judgment by default shall be entered by the court, and the court shall order the seized items to be destroyed. Otherwise, the case shall proceed as other civil cases in said court. If the prosecution proves, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the

seized items were distributed or possessed in violation of the law, the court shall order the seized items to be destroyed.

***BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED*** that all other Sections currently included in Chapter 7 shall remain as is and in full force and effect.

***BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED*** that the provisions of this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

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

**YEAS:** Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin, Mire

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

**ABSENT:** None

And the above ordinance was declared adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant  
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Chad J. Mire  
Chad J. Mire, President

The Mayor updated the Council on upcoming and ongoing projects in the City of Thibodaux.

Janice Landry, Director of Housing and Community Development, addressed the Council updating them on her department responsibilities, as well as, projects going on with reference to her department.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

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Chad Mire, President