OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS MEETING
CITY OF THIBODAUX
CITY HALL
THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA
November 18, 2026

The Board of Adjustments of the City of Thibodaux assembled at its regular meeting place, City Hall, 310 West 2nd Street, Thibodaux, Louisiana, Wednesday, November 18, 2026 at 5:30 P.M.

There were present: Malcolm Hodnett, Renee Brinkley, Cassie Braud & James Robichaux

Also present: Monique Reulet, Sonya Cabrera, Josh Bourgeois, Trey Waguespack

Absent: Marguerite Erwin, Rudy Soignet

There was a quorum present.

The minutes of the October 28, 2026 Board of Adjustments meetings were approved as written.

YEAS: Hodnett, Brinkley, Braud & Robichaux
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Erwin, Soignet

Hodnett introduced Item #5 - a request by Dylan Smith to vary from the provisions of Article 6 of the City of Thibodaux's Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, Section 609.A.1 to be able to install a six (6) foot fence at the front yard of the property located at 107 Elder Street in an R-1 zoning district.

Dylan Smith, 107 Elder Street, was present to represent his request. He explained that they are looking to build a six (6) foot brick wall in the front corner of their yard on the Elder Street side. He noted that the rest of the fence would be a thirty (30) inch picket fence. Brinkley asked what is to the left of this fence, and Smith said it is his property line and then another home. Braud asked how long the six (6) foot portion would be, and Smith said he believed fifteen (15) feet. Brinkley verified that the variance request was for the height of the fence at this point in his yard. Robichaux asked if he was bring that height all the way to the house. Smith stated that it would be in the front left corner of the property.

Robichaux noted that the hardship is the size and layout of Smith's lot. Hodnett and Smith discussed the height and length of the brick wall in that corner. Smith noted that there is a house at the end of the street that is currently building a very tall fence. The Commissioners discussed whether this needed a variance. Public Works Executive Secretary Monique Reulet stated that she was not certain, but it was possible that if it was the same height as the previous fence, they could be allowed to rebuild it to the same height. She noted that they had to take the previous fence down in order to complete other construction projects. Hodnett questioned how far back from the road the fence would be. Smith explained that it would be

at the property line, which is a few feet off of the road. He also explained that the thirty (30) inch portion of the fence would be between the large oak tree they have on the right side of the property and the crepe myrtle trees they have in the center of the lot. This would give them plenty of room between the edge of the road and the fence.

Smith and Reulet discussed the L-shaped portion of the proposed fence, that would be six (6) foot in height, and Smith confirmed that it would start at the front left corner of the property, extending no more than fifteen (15) towards the center of the property along Elder Street, and extending no more than twenty (20) feet towards the home along the side property line. He also noted that he has spoken with his neighbors and they are okay with what he is proposing.

On call for City comment, there was none. On call for public comment, there was none.

Robichaux made a motion to approve Item #5. Brinkley discussed amending the request to specify the area in which the six (6) foot fence would be allowed. Commissioners and Reulet discussed the wording of the amendment.

On motion of Robichaux, seconded by Braud, the Board voted to approve Item #5 - the request by Dylan Smith to vary from the provisions of Article 6 of the City of Thibodaux's Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, Section 609.A.1 to be able to install a six (6) foot fence at the front yard of the property located at 107 Elder Street in an R-1 zoning district, with the amendment specifying that the six (6) foot fence would be allowed from the front edge of the home to the front left corner of the property line along Elder Street, and from the front left corner of the property line along Elder Street, along the front property line, to the edge of the home.

…….Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Hodnett, Brinkley, Braud & Robichaux
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Erwin, Soignet

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.