

ORDINANCE NO. 5001

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 94, ARTICLE II, UTILITY LINES AND PIPELINES, SECTION 94-42, AND CERTAIN PARTS OF SECTION 94-48 OF THE BOSSIER PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO INCREASE THE BOND REQUIREMENTS FOR UTILITY INSTALLATIONS ON PARISH RIGHTS-OF-WAY, AND TO INCREASE FEES AND BOND REQUIREMENTS FOR PERSONS DESIRING PERMITS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024, that Chapter 94, Article II, Utility Lines and Pipelines, Section 94-42, and certain parts of Section 94-48, be and are hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 94-42. Installation on parish rights-of-way by public utilities, common carriers, or natural gas transporters; bonds required.

Annually during the month of January, each public utility, common carrier, or natural gas transporter in the parish shall post with the police jury a bond, or other security satisfactory to the police jury, in the sum of \$250,000, to guarantee proper repair and restoration of any and all damage sustained by the parish road system arising out of the installation, erection or maintenance of its utility lines or pipe lines on any public right-of-way forming a part of the parish road system during the calendar year. No work involving the installation, erection, replacement, connection or disconnection to or from, or other maintenance on or of a utility line on any public right-of-way forming a part of the parish road system shall be performed by a public utility, common carrier or natural gas transporter unless and until the required bond has been furnished.

(1) *Waiver* of bond authorized.

(a) Notwithstanding anything in this division to the contrary, the police jury may waive or, as a matter of administrative policy, may authorize the parish administrator to waive, the bonding requirements of this division for entities who have previous agreements with the parish and intent of this division shall not be adversely affected. Applications for such *waivers* of the bond shall be submitted in writing, and in such form as the police jury or parish administrator shall require.

(b) The parish administrator is authorized to waive bonding requirements for entities complying with this section.

Section 94-48. Requirements of persons desiring permits.

(2)

(a) If the diameter of the pipe is greater than zero inches but less than or equal to four inches, the fee shall be \$50.00 per bore location, plus inspection fees of \$75 per day of construction.

(b) If the diameter of the pipe is greater than four inches but less than or equal to eight inches, the fee shall be \$150.00 per bore location, plus inspection fees of \$75 per day of construction.

- (c) If the diameter of the pipe is greater than eight inches, the fee shall be \$250.00 per bore location, plus inspection fees of \$75 per day of construction.

When new lines are laid parallel to the roadway within the parish right-of-way, utility permits will be assessed a fee of \$50.00 per 1,000 linear feet of new line. Minimum permit fee is \$50.00, plus inspection fees of \$75 per day of construction.

- (3) Give a bond in an amount that the parish administrator shall require, not to exceed \$100.00 per linear foot for the proposed work the applicant desires to be done, which bond shall be subject to approval by the parish administrator of the police jury, and shall be conditioned upon the applicant's complying with all conditions of the permit. Such bond shall continue in full force until the applicant has fully complied with all conditions of the permit. In lieu of a separate bond on each application for a permit, the applicant may give a bond in the amount of \$250,000.00 to cover all work done, or to be done, during the calendar year.
- (4) *Waiver* of bond authorized.
  - (a) Notwithstanding anything in this division to the contrary, the police jury may waive or, as a matter of administrative policy, may authorize the parish administrator to waive, the bonding requirements of this division for entities who have previous agreements with the parish and intent of this division shall not be adversely affected. Applications for such *wavers* of the bond shall be submitted in writing, and in such form as the police jury or parish administrator shall require.
  - (b) The parish administrator is authorized to waive bonding requirements for entities complying with this section.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Salzer. It was duly adopted on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024, with the following votes recorded:

- YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Ms. Glorioso, Mr. Jorden, Ms. Parks, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Sutton
- NAYS: None
- ABSENT: Mr. Marsiglia
- ABSTAIN: None

MEGAN C. RAMOS  
INTERIM PARISH SECRETARY

PHILIP RODGERS, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY