

ORDINANCE NO. _____ OF 2019

AN ORDINANCE EXPANDING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE COOKTOWN ROAD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF RUSTON, STATE OF LOUISIANA; EXTENDING THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF THE 0.50% SALES AND USE TAX LEVIED BY SAID DISTRICT INTO THE EXPANDED AREA OF THE DISTRICT; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING.

WHEREAS, Part II, Chapter 27, Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 33:9038.31, *et seq.*) (the "EDD Act") authorizes municipalities, parishes and certain other local governmental subdivisions to create economic development districts to carry out the purposes of the EDD Act, which economic development districts are political subdivisions of the State of Louisiana and possess such power and authority and have such duties as provided by the EDD Act and other law; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the EDD Act this Mayor and Board of Aldermen, acting as the governing authority of the City of Ruston, State of Louisiana (the "City"), adopted Ordinance No. 1709 of 2017 on September 11, 2017, creating Cooktown Road Economic Development District of the City of Ruston, State of Louisiana (the "District"), and in its capacity as governing authority of the District subsequently adopted Ordinance No. 1714 of 2017 on November 6, 2017, levying a sales tax of one half of one percent (0.50%) in the District (the "District Tax"); and

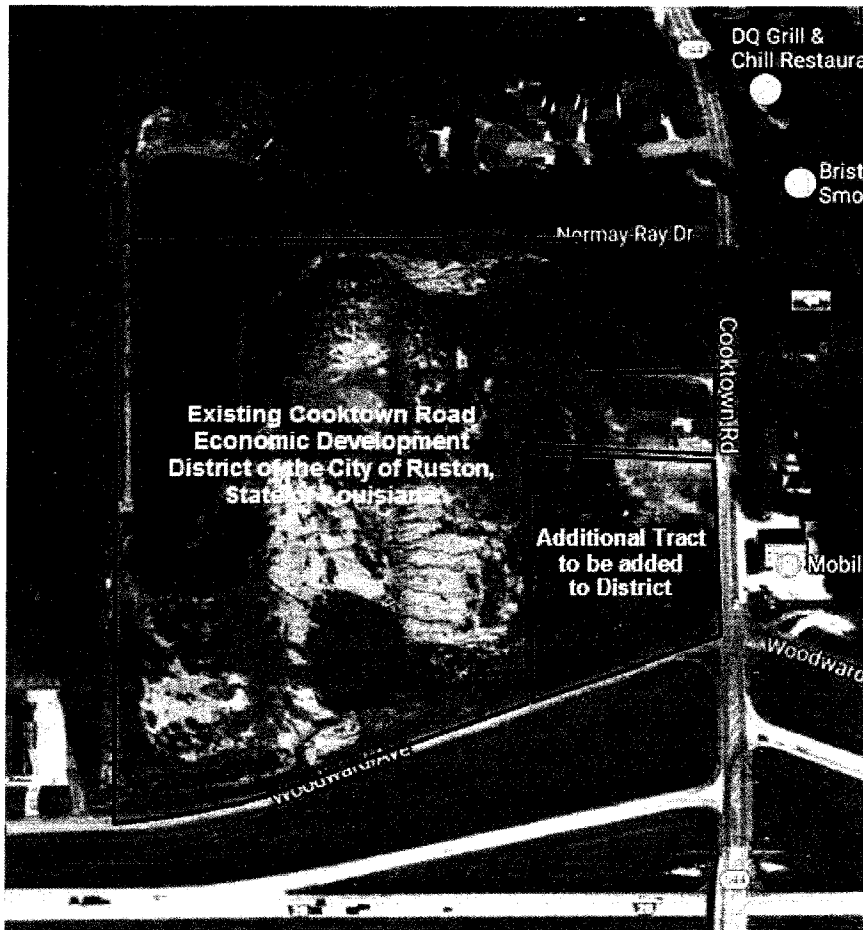
WHEREAS, in accordance with the EDD Act, particularly La. R.S. 33:9038.32 and La. R.S. 33:9038.39, by Resolution No. ____ of 2019 adopted on _____, 2019, this Mayor and Board of Aldermen gave notice of its intention to hold a public hearing relative to the proposed expansion of geographical boundaries of the District and extension of the District Tax into the expanded area of the District, which notice was published two times in the official journal of the City on _____ and _____, 2019, prior to a public hearing held on this date, at which time the public was afforded an opportunity to comment upon the expansion of the boundaries of the District and the extension of the District Tax into such expanded boundaries, and no objections were made thereto; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ruston, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the City and of the District, that:

§1. All of the above "Whereas" clauses are adopted as part of this Ordinance.

§2. Expansion of Geographical Boundaries of District. Under the authority of La. R.S. 33:9038.32 and the aforesaid Notice of Intention, the boundaries of the District are hereby expanded to include the additional area shown on the following map:

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§3. Extension of the District Tax into the Expanded Area. The levy of the District Tax of one half of one percent (0.50%) shall be extended into the expanded boundaries of the District, effective as soon as such extension can be implemented by the local sales tax collection agency.

Ordinance No. 1714 of 2017 and the Uniform Local Sales Tax Code, as enacted by Act No. 73 of the 2003 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, and as it may be amended from time to time, shall continue to apply in the assessment, collection, administration and enforcement of the District Tax.

As provided by La. R.S. 33:9038.39, no election shall be required in connection with the extension of the levy of the District Tax into the expanded area of the District, since there are no qualified electors anywhere in the expanded boundaries of the District, as certified by the Lincoln Parish Registrar of Voters by certification attached hereto as Exhibit A.

§4. Authorization of Officers. The Mayor, Mayor pro tem and City Clerk are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to do any and all things necessary and incidental to carry out the provisions of this ordinance.

§5. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this ordinance, but this ordinance shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provisions had not been contained herein. Any constitutional or statutory provision enacted after the date of this ordinance which validates or makes legal any provision of this ordinance which would not otherwise be valid or legal, shall be deemed to apply to this ordinance.

§6. Repealer. All Ordinances or resolution, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

§7. Publication; Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be published one time in the official journal of the City and shall become effective in the manner provided by La. R.S. 33:406(C).

This Ordinance was introduced on _____, 2019, by _____, Notice of Public Hearing was published on _____, 2019. A Public Hearing was held, the title

having been read and the Ordinance considered, on motion to adopt, by _____ seconded by _____, a record vote was taken and the following result was had:

YEA:

NAY:

ABSENT:

WHEREUPON, the presiding officer declared the above Ordinance duly adopted on the ___ day of _____, 2019.

ATTEST:

LAURA HARTT, CLERK

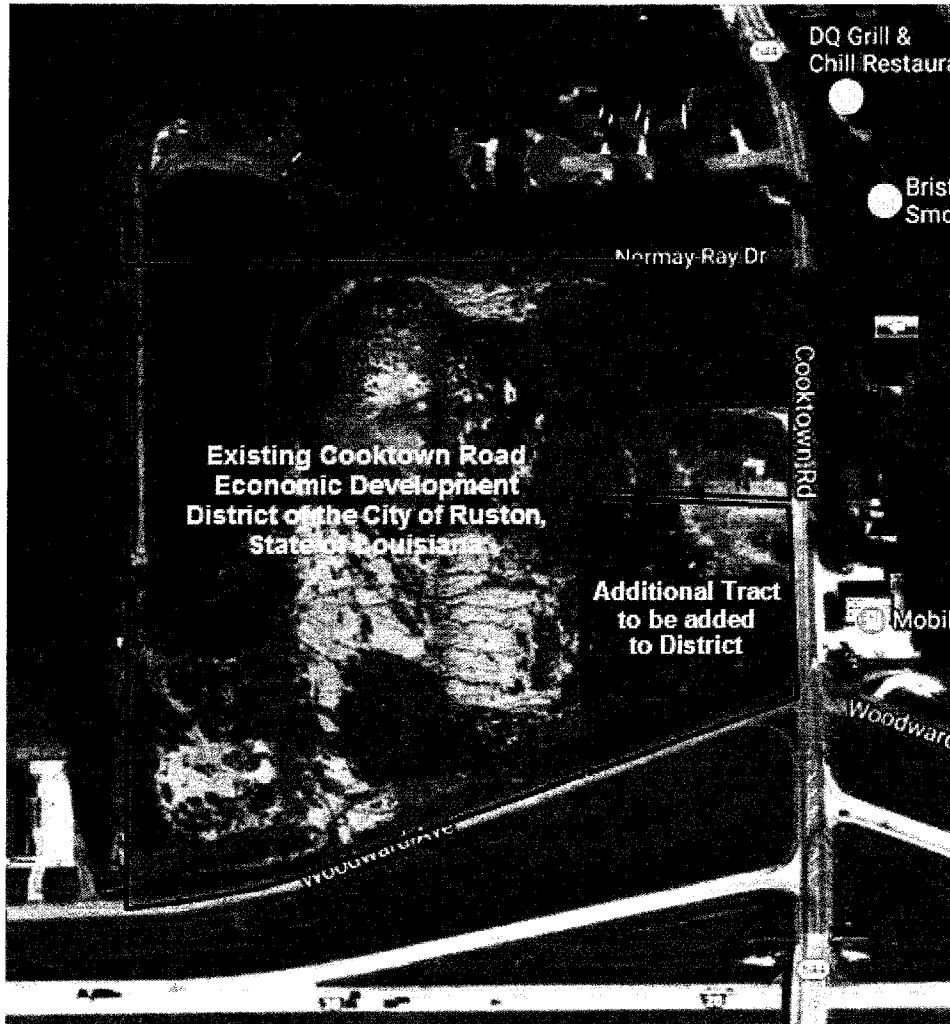
RONNY WALKER, MAYOR

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF LINCOLN

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

I, Dianna Stone, the duly appointed Registrar of Voters in and for the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify to the City of Ruston, State of Louisiana, that there are no qualified electors located in the additional tract of land being added to the Cooktown Road Economic Development District of the City of Ruston, State of Louisiana, as depicted on the following map:



IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my signature and official seal of the Registrar of Voters of the Parish of Lincoln, this ____ day of _____, 2019.

(SEAL)

Dianna Stone,
Lincoln Parish Registrar of Voters

[ORIGINAL ON FILE WITH THE CITY CLERK OF
THE CITY OF RUSTON, AS AN ATTACHMENT
TO ORDINANCE NO. ____ OF 2019]

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF LINCOLN

I, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of Ruston, State of Louisiana (the "City"), do hereby certify that the foregoing _____ (__) pages constitute a true and correct copy of an ordinance adopted by the governing authority of the City on _____ __, 2019, expanding the boundaries of the Cooktown Road Economic Development District of the City of Ruston, State of Louisiana; extending the levy and collection of the 0.50% sales and use tax levied by said District into the expanded area of the District; and providing for other matters in connection with the foregoing .

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature and the impress of the official seal of the City on this the __ day of _____, 2019.

(SEAL)

City Clerk