



Lincoln Parish Fire Protection District No. 1  
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January 6, 2020

Members of the Lincoln Parish Police Jury  
Mr. Courtney Hall, Administrator  
Lincoln Parish Police Jury  
P.O. Box 979  
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Dear Mr. Hall and Jurors,

During the January 13, 2020 Police Jury meeting, the Lincoln Parish Fire Protection District No. 1 will be asking the Jury to support the renewal of our \$72 Structure Fee. This annual Service Charge is collected on residential and commercial structures located within the boundaries of the Fire District and will expire at the end of 2020. The renewal of the Service Charge will be for a 10 year period. Currently, the Structure Fee generates approximately \$640,000 dollars in annual revenue for the Fire District. With an operating budget of just over 1.2 million dollars, this revenue is vital to the continued operation of the Fire District. We are only seeking to renew the fee at its current level. We are not asking for an increase, so there will be no additional burden to the tax payers of Lincoln Parish.

The Fire District is seeking to have the renewal on the ballot of the May 9, 2020 special election. In order to be on the ballot, we need the approval of the Lincoln Parish Police Jury. We sincerely hope that you will support the Fire District so that we can continue our service to the residents of Lincoln Parish.

If you would like to discuss the matter in more detail or have any questions regarding the operations of the Fire District, please feel free to contact me or any member of our Board of Commissioners.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kevin Reynolds'.

Kevin Reynolds, Fire Chief

**TENTATIVE  
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS  
FOR  
MAY 9, 2020 ELECTION  
LINCOLN PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1  
STATE OF LOUISIANA  
(District meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month @ 6:00 p.m.)**

12/17/19	District calls election
01/14/20	Police Jury approves election
01/22/20	File application with the State Bond Commission and notify election officials
02/20/20	State Bond Commission approves election
02/25/20	Publish Notice of Special Election in official journal
03/03/20	Publish Notice of Special Election in official journal
03/10/20	Publish Notice of Special Election in official journal
03/17/20	Publish Notice of Special Election in official journal <i>(Deadline to submit publication to official journal - Wed. 02/19 by Noon)</i>
03/16/20	Secretary of State deadline
05/09/20	Election
06/16/20	District canvasses returns of election and promulgates results with Post-Election filings being made by Foley & Judell

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The following resolution was offered by \_\_\_\_\_ and  
seconded by \_\_\_\_\_:

### RESOLUTION

A resolution approving the holding of an election in Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, May 9, 2020, to authorize the levy of a Service Charge therein.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on December 17, 2019, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, May 9, 2020, to authorize the levy of a Service Charge therein; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the District has requested that this Police Jury, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana, give its consent and authority for the District to hold the aforesaid election, and in the event that the election carries to continue to levy and collect the Service Charge provided for therein; and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Police Jury to approve the holding of said election and in the event that the election carries, to continue to levy and collect the Service Charge provided for therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana, this Police Jury hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, May 9, 2020, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

#### PROPOSITION (SERVICE CHARGE RENEWAL)

Shall Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana (the "District"), assess and collect an annual service charge of Seventy-Two Dollars (\$72.00) from persons owning residential or commercial structures, whether occupied or unoccupied, located wholly or partly within the boundaries of the District, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2021 and ending with the year 2030 (an estimated \$600,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the service charge for an entire year), both years inclusive, for the purpose of paying the costs of fire protection services and emergency services in and for the District, including the cost of acquiring, operating and maintaining equipment and facilities necessary for such services, and, for purposes of assessing and collecting said service charge, owners shall be assessed a service charge for each such structure which they own, each residential or commercial unit in a structure shall be considered a separate structure and a mobile home, as defined in R.S. 9:1149.2(3), shall be considered a structure, all as provided in R.S. 40:1502.1?

SECTION 2. In the event the election carries, this Police Jury does hereby further consent to and authorize the District to continue to levy and collect the Service Charge provided for therein.

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

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020.

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Parish Administrator

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President

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF LINCOLN

I, the undersigned Parish Administrator of the Police Jury of the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said Police Jury on January 14, 2020, approving the holding of an election in Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana, to authorize the levy of a Service Charge therein.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature at Ruston, Louisiana, on this, the 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020.

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Parish Administrator