

ORDINANCE NO. OF 2020

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000 TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION TO LEGAL SERVICES OF NORTH LOUISIANA, INC. AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, expungement helps relieve citizens of their arrest record in order to help them obtain employment, financial aid and other benefits; and

WHEREAS, Legal Services of North Louisiana provides legal services to indigent individuals who meet expungement criteria; and

WHEREAS, the option of a pauper expungement is available, but it only defers the upfront payment of the fees and is at the discretion of the Judge; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission would like to provide an appropriation to Legal Services of North Louisiana, Inc. to offset the expenses to Parish entities (Clerk of Court \$200, District Attorney \$50, and Sheriff \$50) to grant indigent clients fee waiver for expungement; and

WHEREAS, each individual seeking grant waiver must be a Caddo Parish resident with at least two forms of residency verification; and

WHEREAS, each individual is limited to one expungement per calendar year; and

WHEREAS, the individual must participate in 15 hours of community service from an approved community-based agency; and

WHEREAS, the individual must meet low income requirement set by Legal Services of North Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission hosts an annual Pathways to Prosperity Expungement Summit for Caddo residents; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission's Economic Development committee recommended an appropriation of \$20,000 to Legal Services of North Louisiana, Inc. to aid in expungements for indigent citizens; and

WHEREAS it is necessary to amend the 2020 Economic Development Fund Budget to appropriate \$20,000 to Legal Services of North Louisiana, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Economic Development Fund for the year 2020 is hereby amended as follows:

Budget Increase (Decrease)

Economic Development Fund

Non-Governmental Appropriations	
Legal Services of North LA, Inc.	\$20,000
Fund Balance	(\$20,000)

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved as to legal form:

Parish Attorney

Date