

TOWN OF SIMMESPORT

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ORDINANCE 10-2025-04

AN ORDINANCE TO COORDINATE WITH THE LOUISIANA STATE POLICE FOR VIOLENT CRIMES COMMITTED WITHIN TOWN LIMITS

Whereas, the Town of Simmesport operates under the Lawrason Act (La. R.S. 33:321 et seq.), which provides for a mayor and board of aldermen form of government;

WHEREAS, pursuant to R.S. 33:362(A)(3), subject to law, including [R.S. 33:423.2](#) and 423.3, and applicable civil service rules and regulations, the board of aldermen shall, by ordinance, provide policies and procedures regulating the employment of municipal employees including the hiring and firing of such employees;

Whereas, R.S. 33:404(A)(3) authorizes the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to fix compensation and provide for the performance of duties of municipal employees, including appointed officials;

Whereas, La. R.S. 33:406(B)(1) provides that a proposed ordinance may be introduced by any alderman at any board meeting and each proposed ordinance shall be in writing;

Now, therefore, be it ordained, by the Town Council of the Town of Simmesport that the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Simmesport be amended as follows:

Purpose:

To ensure the safety of residents and employees of the Town of Simmesport by requiring prompt coordination with the Louisiana State Police (LSP) when violent crimes or other serious incidents occur that exceed the investigative capacity of the Town Police Department.

Scope:

This policy applies to all sworn officers and employees of the Town of Simmesport Police Department.

Policy Statement:

When a violent crime or other major incident occurs within the Town of Simmesport, the Police Department shall immediately request assistance from the Louisiana State Police to ensure that proper investigative resources are engaged without delay.

Procedures:

1. The Police Department is responsible for maintaining public safety during any violent or serious incident but shall not conduct primary investigations into crimes that exceed its capacity, such as homicides, sexual assaults, shootings, armed robberies, or incidents involving organized criminal activity.
2. Upon receiving a report of such an incident, the responding officer or supervisor must immediately notify the Chief of Police or the acting supervisor.
3. The Chief of Police, acting supervisor, or designated officer shall immediately contact the Louisiana State Police to request investigative assistance.

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4. Town officers shall secure the scene, protect evidence, and preserve public safety until the arrival of State Police personnel.
5. Once the Louisiana State Police assume responsibility, the Town Police Department shall provide all reasonable assistance and cooperate fully with their investigation.
6. A written incident report documenting the request for assistance and all initial actions taken by the Town Police Department must be submitted to the Mayor's office within 24 hours.

This Ordinance having been introduced on the ____th day of October, 2025, by Town of Simmesport, with a motion by Councilman _____ and seconded by Councilman _____ and a vote of the Town Council of the Town of Simmesport as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Alderman Bell	_____	_____	_____	_____
Alderman Gautreaux	_____	_____	_____	_____
Alderman Dauzat	_____	_____	_____	_____
Alderman Dupar	_____	_____	_____	_____
Alderman Wright	_____	_____	_____	_____

Thereafter, notice of public hearing having been published, said public hearing having been held on _____th, 2025 at 5:30 PM, the title having been read and the Ordinance considered, on motion of Councilman _____, seconded by Councilman _____, to adopt the Ordinance, a record vote was taken and the following was had:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Alderman Bell	_____	_____	_____	_____
Alderman Gautreaux	_____	_____	_____	_____
Alderman Dauzat	_____	_____	_____	_____
Alderman Dupar	_____	_____	_____	_____
Alderman Wright	_____	_____	_____	_____

Whereupon, the presiding officer declared the above Ordinance duly adopted on the ____th day of _____, 2025.

Honorable Ted Turner

Mayor

Honorable Gwen Barr

Town Clerk