

TOWN OF SIMMESPORT

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ORDINANCE NO. 05-2026-01

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF SIMMESPORT, LOUISIANA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC NOTICE, PUBLIC INSPECTION, AND PUBLIC HEARING; AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ADOPTED BUDGET; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS.

WHEREAS, the Town of Simmesport, Louisiana, is required to adopt an annual budget in accordance with the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act, La. R.S. 39:1301 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the proposed annual operating budget for the Town of Simmesport for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, together with this proposed budget adoption Ordinance, was introduced by Resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Simmesport at a regularly scheduled meeting held on May 11, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget has been made available for public inspection in accordance with the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act; and

WHEREAS, public notice has been or shall be given advising that the proposed budget is available for public inspection and that a public hearing concerning the proposed budget shall be held on June 10, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the title of this proposed Ordinance has been or shall be published once in the official journal of the Town of Simmesport, together with notice of the time and place at which the Board of Aldermen will consider its adoption; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the proposed budget and this proposed Ordinance shall be held on June 10, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., before final consideration of this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance shall be placed on the agenda for consideration by the Board of Aldermen at its regularly scheduled meeting to be held on June 10, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the budget adoption instrument for a municipality may be an appropriation ordinance, adoption resolution, or other legal instrument necessary to adopt and implement the budget document under La. R.S. 39:1305.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Simmesport, Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the Town, that:

SECTION 1. ADOPTION OF BUDGET

The annual operating budget for the Town of Simmesport, Louisiana, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, attached hereto as **Exhibit “A”** and incorporated herein by reference, is hereby adopted.

SECTION 2. AUTHORIZATION TO ADMINISTER BUDGET.

The annual operating budget adopted by this Ordinance shall be administered subject to the court-ordered fiscal administration of the Town of Simmesport pursuant to La. R.S. 39:1351 et seq., the powers and duties of the court-appointed Fiscal Administrator under La. R.S. 39:1352, and any applicable order of the court. Notwithstanding the adoption of this Ordinance or the budget attached hereto as Exhibit “A,” the Fiscal Administrator shall retain authority to direct, oversee, approve, disapprove, amend, formulate, execute, and control the fiscal operations of the Town to the full extent authorized by law and court order.

The Mayor, Board of Aldermen, Town Clerk, officers, officials, employees, departments, boards, commissions, and all other representatives of the Town shall administer, implement, record, process, and perform budget-related and fiscal actions only under the supervision, direction, approval, and control of the Fiscal Administrator, except to the extent otherwise expressly authorized by the Fiscal Administrator, applicable law, or court order. No officer, official, employee, department, board, commission, or representative of the Town shall authorize, incur, approve, process, pay, transfer, encumber, obligate, or commit Town funds or Town resources in a manner inconsistent with any directive, approval, disapproval, amendment, condition, limitation, or action of the Fiscal Administrator.

The Fiscal Administrator’s authority under this Section includes, without limitation, authority over revenues, expenditures, transfers, appropriations, budget classifications, fund balances, reserves, contracts, obligations, payables, receivables, loans, debt-related fiscal actions, grants, enterprise funds, capital outlay, personnel-related fiscal actions having fiscal effect, and all other fiscal matters of the Town. Any administrative authority otherwise held by the Mayor, Town Clerk, or other Town officers or employees shall be exercised only in a manner subordinate to, and consistent with, the Fiscal Administrator’s statutory authority and any applicable court order.

SECTION 3. AUTHORITY TO INCUR LIABILITIES AND AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES.

The adopted budget, together with any duly authorized amendments, shall constitute authority to incur liabilities and authorize expenditures from the respective budgeted funds during the fiscal year only to the extent such liabilities and expenditures are approved, authorized, directed, or permitted by the Fiscal Administrator, consistent with La. R.S. 39:1352, any applicable court order, the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act, available appropriations, and other applicable law.

No liability, expenditure, purchase, payment, transfer, encumbrance, contract, loan, personnel action having fiscal effect, use of fund balance, use of reserves, use of restricted or dedicated funds, capital expenditure, debt-related action, or other fiscal obligation of the Town shall be incurred,

authorized, executed, or paid unless it is within an available appropriation and has been approved, authorized, directed, or permitted by the Fiscal Administrator, except to the extent otherwise expressly provided by applicable law or court order.

The Board of Aldermen's adoption of this Ordinance and Exhibit "A" shall not be construed as independent authorization for any Town officer, official, employee, department, board, commission, or representative to incur liabilities, authorize expenditures, execute contracts, transfer funds, amend appropriations, or otherwise bind the Town fiscally without compliance with the Fiscal Administrator's authority, directives, approvals, disapprovals, and controls. In the event of any conflict between the adopted budget, any action of the Board of Aldermen, any action of the Mayor or Town Clerk, or any action of any other Town officer, official, employee, department, board, commission, or representative, and any directive, approval, disapproval, amendment, condition, limitation, or action of the Fiscal Administrator, the decision of the Fiscal Administrator shall prevail.

SECTION 4. BUDGET AMENDMENTS.

The Town of Simmesport is presently subject to fiscal administration by court order pursuant to La. R.S. 39:1351 et seq. Accordingly, notwithstanding the adoption of the budget attached hereto as Exhibit "A," and notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance, the annual operating budget, supplemental budgets, appropriations, expenditures, transfers, contracts, obligations, personnel-related fiscal actions, capital budgets, debt-related fiscal actions, and all other fiscal operations of the Town shall remain subject to the authority, direction, oversight, approval, disapproval, amendment, formulation, and execution of the court-appointed Fiscal Administrator as provided by La. R.S. 39:1352, any applicable order of the court, and other applicable law.

The Fiscal Administrator shall retain authority to direct all fiscal operations of the Town and to take any action he deems necessary to return the Town to financial stability, including, without limitation, authority to amend, formulate, and execute the annual budget and any supplemental budgets; implement and maintain budget guidelines and procedures; amend, formulate, and execute capital budgets; review and approve or disapprove contracts for goods or services; make, approve, or disapprove appropriations, contracts, expenditures, loans, new positions, vacancies, and related fiscal actions; and otherwise exercise all powers and duties granted to the Fiscal Administrator by law or court order.

During the term of fiscal administration, the Mayor, Board of Aldermen, Town Clerk, officers, officials, employees, departments, boards, commissions, and all other representatives of the Town shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Fiscal Administrator with respect to fiscal matters, subject to the right and duty to provide advice and information concerning the operation of the Town. If any conflict arises between any action, recommendation, vote, budget item, appropriation, expenditure, transfer, contract, obligation, or fiscal decision of the Town and any decision, directive, approval, disapproval, amendment, or action of the Fiscal Administrator, the decision of the Fiscal Administrator shall prevail.

No provision of this Ordinance, no budget item contained in Exhibit "A," and no action by the Board of Aldermen shall be construed to limit, impair, supersede, or condition the statutory

authority of the Fiscal Administrator under La. R.S. 39:1352 or any applicable court order. Any budget amendment or fiscal action otherwise requiring action of the Board of Aldermen under the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act shall be considered and acted upon in a manner consistent with the Fiscal Administrator's authority and shall not be effective to the extent inconsistent with any directive, approval, disapproval, amendment, or action of the Fiscal Administrator.

SECTION 5. PUBLIC INSPECTION AND RECORDKEEPING.

The Town Clerk is directed to maintain this Ordinance and the adopted budget in the official records of the Town and to make the adopted budget available for public inspection as required by law.

SECTION 6. PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

Following adoption, this Ordinance shall be signed, presented, recorded, and published in the official journal of the Town of Simmesport as required by La. R.S. 33:406. This Ordinance shall become effective upon completion of all action required by La. R.S. 33:406 for the Ordinance to become law and upon publication as required by law; provided, however, that the budget adopted by this Ordinance shall apply to the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.

SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY.

If any provision of this Ordinance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. VOTE; MINUTES; MAYOR PRESENTATION

The vote on this Ordinance at final passage shall be taken by yeas and nays, and the Town Clerk shall enter in the minutes the names of the members of the Board of Aldermen voting for and against this Ordinance. Upon adoption, the Town Clerk shall sign this Ordinance, present it to the Mayor within three days after adoption, record the date of delivery to the Mayor and the date of receipt from the Mayor, if any, and maintain the original Ordinance in the ordinance records of the Town as required by law.

SECTION 9. REPEALER.

All ordinances, resolutions, or parts thereof in conflict with this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

THUS DONE, READ BY TITLE, PUBLICLY HEARD, CONSIDERED, ADOPTED, AND SIGNED at Simmesport, Louisiana, on this 10th day of June, 2026, at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Simmesport held at 6:00 p.m.

TOWN OF SIMMESPORT, LOUISIANA

APPROVED:

By: _____
Mayor Ted Turner

ACKNOWLEDGED FOR ADMINISTRATION:

By: _____
Fiscal Administrator, Joel Robidoux

SIGNED AND ATTESTED:

By: _____
Gwen Barr, Town Clerk

EXHIBIT A

TOWN OF SIMMESPORT, LOUISIANA
General and Enterprise Funds Budgets
For the Year Ending June 30, 2027

	<u>General</u>	<u>Police</u>	<u>Water & Sewer Utility</u>	<u>Natural Gas System</u>	<u>Total</u>
Revenues:					
Taxes (Sales, Ad valorem, Franchise)	535,000				535,000
Licenses and permits	55,000				55,000
Fines and forfeits	7,500	105,000			112,500
Fees for service			310,000	125,000	435,000
Miscellaneous	85,000				85,000
Total revenues	<u>682,500</u>	<u>105,000</u>	<u>310,000</u>	<u>125,000</u>	<u>1,222,500</u>
Expenditures:					
General government	510,000	-			510,000
Public Safety	-	275,000			275,000
Streets and drainage	95,000	-			95,000
Fees for service	-	-	180,000	120,000	300,000
Debt service					
Principal	-	-			-
Interest	-	-			-
Total expenditures	<u>605,000</u>	<u>275,000</u>	<u>180,000</u>	<u>120,000</u>	<u>1,180,000</u>
Excess/(Deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>77,500</u>	<u>(170,000)</u>	<u>130,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>42,500</u>
Other financing sources (uses):					
Loan proceeds	-	-	-	-	-
Internal transfers			(42,500)		(42,500)
Delinquent payables/fund balance	42,500				42,500
Governmental grants	25,000	-	-	-	25,000
Capital outlay/improvements	(25,000)	-	-	-	(25,000)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>42,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(42,500)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance and the proposed annual operating budget were introduced by Resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Simmesport, Louisiana, at a regularly scheduled meeting held on May 11, 2026; that the proposed budget was made available for public inspection as required by law; that notice of availability of the proposed budget and notice of the public hearing were published in the official journal of the Town at least ten days before the public hearing; that the title of this proposed Ordinance and the time and place for consideration of adoption were published as required by law; that a public hearing on the proposed budget and this Ordinance was held on June 10, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.; that this Ordinance was read by title and adopted by yea-and-nay vote of the Board of Aldermen at its meeting held on June 10, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.; and that notice certifying completion of the public participation requirements shall be published as required by La. R.S. 39:1307(D).

By: _____
Gwen Barr, Town Clerk

EXHIBIT "A"

Annual Operating Budget
Town of Simmesport, Louisiana
Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027