

RESOLUTION NO. 056-2026

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF RAPIDES

**In the Name and by the Authority of
The England Economic & Industrial Development District**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE ENGLAND ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT HEREBY AMENDS PART II OF ITS CODE OF ORDINANCES AND POLICIES BY ADDING CHAPTER 9, PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS AND EXPRESSIVE ASSEMBLIES, TO PROVIDE FOR THE REASONABLE, CONTENT-NEUTRAL REGULATION OF PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS, PROTESTS, RALLIES, VIGILS, PICKETING, AND OTHER EXPRESSIVE ASSEMBLIES UPON PROPERTY OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY THE DISTRICT; TO ESTABLISH A PERMITTING PROCEDURE FOR CERTAIN PLANNED DEMONSTRATIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR SPONTANEOUS DEMONSTRATIONS; TO PROHIBIT DEMONSTRATIONS WITHIN AIRPORT TERMINALS, TERMINAL OPERATIONAL FRONTAGE ZONES, LEASED PROPERTY, OR OTHER NON-PUBLIC AREAS; AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the England Economic and Industrial Development District (the “EEIDD”) is a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana as defined in Article VI, Section 44(2) of the Constitution of Louisiana, created pursuant to Article VI, Section 19 of the Constitution of Louisiana, and La. R.S. 33:130.351 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to La. R.S. 33:130.352, the EEIDD was created for the object and purposes of accepting title from the United States of America to any or all real and personal property and improvements included in England Air Force Base and utilizing that and other property and all assistance available from the United States government and all other sources, to replace and enhance the economic benefits generated by the former air base with diversified activities, including, but not limited to, activities and planned land uses to foster creation of new jobs, economic development, industry, health care, commerce, manufacturing, tourism, relocation of people and businesses to the area, aviation, military, warehousing, transportation, offices, recreation, housing, and conservation, the acquisition of land and improvements, and the

construction, operation, and maintenance of facilities, improvements and infrastructure, including buildings, runways, roads, bridges, drainage, and utilities; and

WHEREAS, the EEIDD owns, operates, and maintains public streets, sidewalks, roadway shoulders, administrative facilities, airport facilities, residential, commercial, and industrial use properties, public-use areas, and other property; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the EEIDD (the “Board”) recognizes and affirms the rights of persons peaceably to speak, assemble, demonstrate, petition the government, and communicate ideas as protected by the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution and Article I, Sections 7 and 9 of the Louisiana Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Board further recognizes the EEIDD's substantial and legitimate interests in protecting public safety; preserving emergency access; maintaining safe and orderly pedestrian and vehicular movement; protecting airport security and operations; controlling excessive noise; preserving access to buildings, businesses, leaseholds, and public facilities; accommodating previously authorized uses; and protecting persons and property; and

WHEREAS, the Board intends that the provisions adopted herein regulate only the time, place, and manner of demonstrations and expressive assemblies, without regard to the content, subject, purpose, popularity, or viewpoint of any message; and

WHEREAS, on July 23, 2026, at a regular meeting of the Board duly noticed, this Resolution was introduced and laid over for publication in the official journal of the EEIDD, The Town Talk; and

WHEREAS, the Board does hereby adopt the following amendment to the EEIDD Code;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the England Economic and Industrial Development, in legal session convened, that Part II of the Code of Ordinances and Policies of the England Economic and Industrial Development is hereby amended by adding Chapter 9 to read as follows:

Section 1. Part II of the Code of Ordinances and Policies of the England Economic and Industrial Development District is hereby amended by adding Chapter 9, entitled “Public Demonstrations and Expressive Assemblies,” consisting of Article I, Sections 9-1 through 9-16, and reserved Sections 9-17 through 9-49, to read as follows:

CHAPTER 9. PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS AND EXPRESSIVE ASSEMBLIES

ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sec. 9-1. Purpose; constitutional construction.

- (a) The purpose of this Article is to establish reasonable, definite, and content-neutral rules governing demonstrations and expressive assemblies on property owned or controlled by the EEIDD.
- (b) This Article shall be construed and administered in a manner consistent with the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution and Article I, Sections 7 and 9 of the Louisiana Constitution.
- (c) No permit, condition, fee, restriction, denial, suspension, revocation, relocation, or enforcement action under this Article shall be based upon:
 - (1) The content, subject, purpose, or viewpoint of any expression;
 - (2) The identity, affiliation, popularity, or political, religious, labor, civic, or social position of the applicant or participants;
 - (3) Agreement or disagreement by the EEIDD or its officers with the message expressed;
 - (4) The anticipated hostile, adverse, or unlawful reaction of persons opposed to the message; or
 - (5) The anticipated cost of protecting participants from persons reacting adversely to the message.
- (d) The EEIDD shall apply this Article equally to protests, demonstrations, rallies, vigils, picketing, marches, celebrations, commemorations, labor-related assemblies, religious assemblies, political assemblies, and other comparable expressive activities.

- (e) Nothing in this Article shall authorize the prohibition of constitutionally protected individual expression or a peaceful gathering that does not satisfy the objective criteria requiring a permit under this Article.

Sec. 9-2. Definitions.

For purposes of this Article:

- (a) **Airport terminal** means the interior of any building operated primarily for the processing, security screening, arrival, departure, transportation, or accommodation of aeronautical passengers or crews, regardless of whether such passengers or crews are commercial, charter, private, or military in nature;
- (b) **Airport terminal operational frontage zone** means the area immediately adjacent to an airport terminal that is principally devoted to aeronautical passenger or crew member ingress or egress, passenger loading or unloading, baggage handling, ground transportation, emergency access, traffic circulation, or airport security. The term includes:
- (1) Terminal entrance and exit vestibules and exterior doorways;
 - (2) Sidewalks directly adjoining a terminal exterior wall;
 - (3) Covered terminal walkways and canopies;
 - (4) Terminal curbside loading and unloading areas;
 - (5) Taxi, rideshare, shuttle, limousine, and bus loading areas;
 - (6) Car rental areas;
 - (7) Crosswalks serving terminal entrances or exits;
 - (8) Short and long-term parking areas for use by airport terminal passengers and/or crew members;
 - (9) Traffic lanes and safety islands immediately serving the terminal; and
 - (10) Fire lanes, emergency-access areas, and security zones immediately adjacent to the terminal.

The Executive Director shall publish a map identifying each airport terminal operational frontage zone. No such zone shall extend farther than reasonably necessary to protect terminal access, passenger movement, emergency access, traffic circulation, security, and airport operations.

- (c) **Demonstration or expressive assembly** means an organized or coordinated gathering, rally, protest, vigil, picket line, march, public meeting, ceremony, celebration, or similar activity conducted for the purpose of communicating, supporting, opposing, commemorating, or drawing public attention to any idea, cause, event, person, policy, organization, or subject, regardless of the content or viewpoint expressed.

The term does not include ordinary pedestrian activity, casual conversation, news gathering, an individual's wearing of expressive clothing or insignia, or other individual expression that does not obstruct or interfere with the normal and intended use of EEIDD property.

- (d) **EEIDD property** means immovable or movable property owned by the EEIDD, or controlled by the EEIDD through an established and existing Sub-District, including, but not limited to, public-use streets and sidewalks maintained by the EEIDD.
- (e) **Improved roadway shoulder** means a paved, graveled, or otherwise improved area adjoining an EEIDD-maintained roadway that is ordinarily capable of pedestrian use without requiring persons to occupy a vehicular travel lane.
- (f) **Permit-required planned demonstration** means a demonstration or expressive assembly planned or organized in advance that satisfies one or more of the following objective conditions:
- (1) The activity is reasonably anticipated to occupy or obstruct any vehicular travel lane;
 - (2) The activity is reasonably anticipated to obstruct normal pedestrian movement upon a sidewalk or other pedestrian passage;
 - (3) The activity requires the closure, rerouting, or special control of vehicular or pedestrian traffic;
 - (4) The organizer seeks exclusive or reserved use of a particular area;
 - (5) The activity requires police, security, fire, emergency-medical, traffic-control, sanitation, electrical, barricade, or other special services beyond services ordinarily available to the general public;
 - (6) The activity will use amplified sound, a stage, platform, tent, generator, temporary structure, open flame, or comparable equipment affecting the use of EEIDD property; or

(7) The activity is reasonably anticipated to interfere with access to an airport, public building, business, residence, leasehold, parking facility, or previously authorized use of the EEIDD property where the activity is anticipated to be conducted.

(g) **Planned demonstration** means a demonstration or expressive assembly organized or scheduled sufficiently in advance that the organizer could reasonably submit an application at least 72 hours before the activity.

(h) **Spontaneous demonstration** means a demonstration or expressive assembly occasioned by news, governmental action, an unexpected event, or other circumstances that occurred or became publicly known less than 72 hours before the demonstration and for which advance application within the ordinary filing period was not reasonably practicable.

Sec. 9-3. Permit required for certain planned demonstrations.

(a) No person shall organize or conduct a permit-required planned demonstration upon EEIDD property without first obtaining a permit from the Executive Director in accordance with this Chapter.

(b) A permit shall not be required solely because an activity involves expressive conduct. No permit shall be required for:

- (1) A planned demonstration that does not satisfy any criterion stated in the definition of a permit-required planned demonstration;
- (2) Individual expression that does not interfere with the normal use of EEIDD property;
- (3) A spontaneous demonstration conducted in accordance with this Article; or
- (4) Activity conducted entirely upon private property or within a private leasehold, subject to the consent of the person legally controlling that property and to otherwise applicable law.

(c) A moving procession satisfying the definition of a parade under Part II, Chapter 10, Article II shall remain subject to the parade-permit provisions of that Article. When an event constitutes both a parade and a permit-required planned demonstration, the EEIDD shall accept a single application and coordinate the issuance of a single permit or compatible permits without imposing duplicative application requirements or permit fees.

Sec. 9-4. No endorsement.

Issuance of a permit as provided under this Article, the conduct of a spontaneous demonstration, or the provision of EEIDD services shall not constitute approval or endorsement by the EEIDD of any applicant, organization, activity, statement, or viewpoint.

Sec. 9-5 – 9-19. -Reserved

ARTICLE II. PERMIT

Sec. 9-20. Permit application.

- (a) The organizer or authorized representative of every planned demonstration or expressive assembly proposed to be conducted upon EEIDD property shall provide written notice of the planned activity to the executive director not less than 72 hours before the proposed commencement of the activity in the manner provided under this Section.
- (b) The Executive Director, upon receiving notice required under Subsection A, shall determine whether any of the criteria under Section 9-2(F) of these Ordinances are met. If such criteria under Section 9-2(F) of these Ordinances are met, the Executive Director shall require the organizer or authorized representative to submit a permit application in accordance with this Section.
- (c) Filing period. An application for a planned demonstration or expressive assembly shall be filed not less than 72 hours before the proposed demonstration or assembly.
- (d) Late applications. Upon good cause shown, the Executive Director may consider an application filed less than 72 hours before the proposed activity. Good cause may include circumstances in which the need or reason for the activity could not reasonably have been known within the ordinary filing period.
- (e) Contents. The application shall request information reasonably necessary to evaluate the activity under the objective standards established by this Article and shall include:
 - (1) The applicant's name, address, telephone number, and electronic-mail address, if available;
 - (2) If the activity is conducted for or on behalf of an organization, the organization's name and contact information and the name of an authorized representative;
 - (3) The name and contact information of the person responsible for supervising the activity;

- (4) The proposed date;
 - (5) The proposed location, route, starting point, termination point, and assembly area, as applicable;
 - (6) The estimated number of participants;
 - (7) A description and estimated number of vehicles, animals, tents, stages, platforms, generators, sound devices, or other equipment;
 - (8) The proposed starting and ending times;
 - (9) Whether the activity is expected to occupy all or any portion of a street, sidewalk, parking area, or other designated public-use area;
 - (10) The proposed time at which participants will begin assembling;
 - (11) The traffic-control, pedestrian-control, sanitation, accessibility, safety, or emergency arrangements proposed by the applicant;
 - (12) Whether amplified sound is proposed;
 - (13) If the applicant is acting for another person or organization, written authorization to apply on that person's or organization's behalf; and
 - (14) Agreement of the permit applicant to indemnify the EEIDD and its officers, employees, and agents against any claims or demands of injury, death, or property damage arising under or related to the planned activity, and agreement to secure insurance coverage for the planned activity naming the EEIDD as an additional named insured;
 - (15) Additional logistical information that the Executive Director identifies in writing as reasonably necessary to apply the objective standards of this Article.
- (f) The application shall not require the applicant to disclose political affiliation, religious affiliation, organizational membership, the viewpoint to be expressed, the text of anticipated speech, the wording of signs, or other message content, except that the applicant may be required to describe the physical nature of the proposed activity when reasonably necessary to determine logistical and operational impacts.
- (g) Applications shall be processed in the order received, subject to expedited consideration of late applications and activities responding to recent events.

Sec. 9-21. Standards for issuance.

- (a) The Executive Director shall issue a permit unless the Executive Director determines, based upon specific and articulable facts, that the proposed activity cannot be accommodated through reasonable conditions on the basis of any one or more of the following conditions:
- (1) It would unreasonably interrupt the safe and orderly movement of vehicular traffic;
 - (2) It would unreasonably obstruct pedestrian traffic or an accessible pedestrian route;
 - (3) It would block or interfere with emergency access, firefighting, law-enforcement, ambulance, or other emergency operations;
 - (4) It would require the diversion of public safety or emergency personnel such that normal protection or emergency service to the EEIDD would be impaired;
 - (5) The proposed location lacks sufficient physical capacity for the anticipated attendance and no reasonable reduction in footprint or nearby alternative location would adequately address that condition;
 - (6) It would obstruct access to an airport facility, governmental building, business, residence, leasehold, parking area, or previously authorized use of the EEIDD property where the activity is anticipated to be conducted;
 - (7) It would conflict with a previously issued permit, leasehold right, airport operation, construction activity, governmental function, or previously reserved use, and the competing uses cannot reasonably be accommodated simultaneously;
 - (8) The proposed use of amplified sound would violate applicable, preexisting, and published noise standards;
 - (9) The proposed activity involves conduct prohibited by a content-neutral law or regulation applicable without regard to expression;
 - (10) The application contains a false statement concerning a fact necessary to evaluate public safety, traffic, access, capacity, or operational impacts;
 - (11) The applicant refuses or is demonstrably unable to comply with reasonable permit conditions authorized by this Article; or
 - (12) The proposed location is within an airport terminal or airport terminal operational frontage zone in violation of this Article.
- (b) The Executive Director shall not deny a permit merely because:

- (1) The activity may attract public attention;
 - (2) The subject is controversial;
 - (3) Other persons may oppose or react adversely to the message; or,
 - (4) Additional law-enforcement presence may be appropriate because of threatened misconduct by persons opposed to the demonstration;
- (c) When a specific, credible, and imminent threat of unlawful conduct exists, the EEIDD shall first employ reasonable measures directed toward the persons threatening or engaging in unlawful conduct and shall not suppress protected expression merely to avoid anticipated hostility.

Sec. 9-22. Decision; written reasons; alternative permit.

- (a) The Executive Director shall act upon a complete application as soon as reasonably practicable and not later than:
- (1) Three calendar days after filing; and
 - (2) When a timely application is filed, 24 hours before the proposed starting time.
- (b) A late application shall be decided as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances.
- (c) A denial or conditional approval shall be in writing and shall:
- (1) Identify the specific provision of this Article relied upon;
 - (2) State the facts supporting the decision;
 - (3) Identify each condition imposed;
 - (4) Explain why less restrictive conditions would not adequately address the identified concern; and
 - (5) Advise the applicant of the right to administrative and judicial review.
- (d) If the requested date, time, place, route, or footprint cannot be approved, the Executive Director shall tender an alternative permit authorizing the activity at a reasonably comparable date, time, place, route, or footprint.
- (e) An alternative location shall, when reasonably practicable and consistent with public safety and airport operations, permit the demonstrators to reach substantially the same intended audience and shall not be selected for the purpose of reducing the effectiveness of the applicant's communication.

- (f) No application shall be deemed denied because of the Executive Director's failure to act. Upon expiration of the decision period, the applicant may immediately seek an administrative appeal pursuant to Sec. 9-27 of this Article.

Sec. 9-23. Reasonable time, place, and manner conditions.

- (a) The Executive Director may impose only those conditions that are:
- (1) Content neutral and viewpoint neutral;
 - (2) Based upon objective and published standards;
 - (3) Narrowly tailored to serve a significant governmental or operational interest;
 - (4) No broader or more burdensome than reasonably necessary to address the particular impact presented; and
 - (5) Designed to leave open ample alternative channels for communication.
- (b) Authorized conditions may address:
- (1) The starting and ending times and reasonable duration of the activity;
 - (2) The location, route, assembly point, dispersal point, or physical footprint;
 - (3) The portion of a sidewalk, improved roadway shoulder, street, parking area, or other area that may be occupied;
 - (4) Maintenance of unobstructed vehicular lanes, pedestrian passage, accessible routes, entrances, exits, fire lanes, and emergency-access routes;
 - (5) The location, direction, volume, and duration of amplified sound under applicable published standards;
 - (6) Placement and safe use of stages, platforms, tents, tables, generators, banners, signs, lighting, electrical equipment, or temporary structures;
 - (7) Maximum attendance based upon the objectively determined capacity of the approved location;
 - (8) Traffic-control, pedestrian-control, sanitation, waste-removal, fire-safety, and emergency arrangements;
 - (9) Prevention of damage to property;
 - (10) Compliance with generally applicable airport-security requirements and laws; and
 - (11) Coordination with another previously authorized use of the same EEIDD property where the activity is anticipated to be conducted.

- (c) Conditions shall not require the alteration, moderation, approval, or submission of the applicant's message, signs, literature, speakers, organizational affiliations, or viewpoint.
- (d) A restriction shall not be imposed merely because it would make enforcement more convenient or because a different location would make the activity less visible or less effective.

Sec. 9-24. Permit fees.

- (a) The Executive Director is authorized to establish, publish, and impose a uniform and content-neutral demonstration-permit fee schedule consistent with this section, subject to Board approval.
- (b) The schedule shall:
 - (1) Be in writing;
 - (2) Be available on the EEIDD's website and at its administrative office;
 - (3) Become effective no earlier than 30 days after publication;
 - (4) State fixed charges or objective mathematical formulas;
 - (5) Apply uniformly to similarly situated applicants and activities; and
 - (6) Limit charges to reasonable, direct administrative costs of processing an application and the reasonable cost of special equipment or services affirmatively requested by the applicant.
- (c) No fee shall be based upon:
 - (1) The content, subject, purpose, or viewpoint of the activity;
 - (2) The identity or affiliation of the applicant;
 - (3) The anticipated popularity or unpopularity of the message;
 - (4) The anticipated reaction of opponents or members of the public;
 - (5) The cost of protecting participants from threatened or actual unlawful conduct by persons opposed to the activity; or
 - (6) An official's unguided estimate of what fee would be appropriate.
- (d) Ordinary law-enforcement, traffic, fire, emergency, and security services provided for the protection of the general public shall not be charged to an applicant merely because expressive activity is anticipated.
- (e) The Executive Director may consider granting a waiver or reduction of an application fee if an applicant demonstrates that payment would prevent or unreasonably burden

constitutionally protected activity because of an inability to pay. A waiver determination shall be made under objective criteria and without consideration of the applicant's identity, message, or viewpoint.

Sec. 9-25. Spontaneous demonstrations.

- (a) No permit shall be required for a spontaneous demonstration conducted:
 - (1) Upon a public sidewalk or roadside pedestrian area designed and identified by the Executive Director on a publicly available map as suitable for pedestrian assembly;
 - (2) Upon an EEIDD-maintained roadway or improved shoulder;
 - (3) In front of the EEIDD administration building; or
 - (4) Within any other public-use area designated by the Executive Director for pedestrian assembly.
- (b) A spontaneous demonstration remains exempt only while:
 - (1) It is peaceful and nonviolent;
 - (2) Participants do not obstruct a vehicular travel lane;
 - (3) Participants do not obstruct pedestrian movement or an accessible route;
 - (4) Participants do not block entrances, exits, driveways, fire lanes, emergency routes, or access to buildings, businesses, residences, leaseholds, or parking areas;
 - (5) Participants comply with generally applicable traffic, fire, safety, property-protection, and published noise regulations;
 - (6) The activity does not interfere with another previously authorized use of the same EEIDD a property where the activity is anticipated to be conducted; and
 - (7) The activity does not occur within an airport terminal or airport terminal operational frontage zone.
- (c) When a spontaneous demonstration interferes with safety, access, traffic, emergency operations, or another authorized use of the same EEIDD property where the activity is anticipated to be conducted, an authorized EEIDD or law-enforcement official may issue reasonable, content-neutral directions designed to cure the interference. Such directions shall use the least speech-restrictive reasonable means and, when relocation is necessary, shall direct participants to the nearest reasonably suitable area.

- (d) Except when immediate action is required to address an imminent threat of physical injury, participants shall be given a clear warning and a reasonable opportunity to comply before the demonstration is dispersed or enforcement action is taken.
- (e) Nothing in this section exempts conduct that is violent, destructive, threatening, or otherwise unlawful apart from its expressive character.
- (f) This section shall not apply to any state maintained highway or controlled-access highway, or shoulder forming part thereof, unless the use has been previously approved by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development or is otherwise authorized by applicable law. Nothing herein authorizes the stopping, standing, or parking of a vehicle in violation of La. R.S. 32:296, or any other applicable state or EEIDD traffic law or ordinance.

Sec. 9-26. Airport terminals, terminal operational frontage zones, leased property, and other non-public areas.

- (a) Regardless of whether an activity is planned or spontaneous, no demonstration or expressive assembly shall be conducted:
 - (1) Inside an airport terminal;
 - (2) Within an airport terminal operational frontage zone;
 - (3) Within any property that is subject to a residential, commercial, or industrial lease;or
 - (4) Within any secured, sterile, restricted, leased, or nonpublic airport areas.
- (b) The prohibition applies equally, without regard to viewpoint or subject, to protests, supportive rallies, celebrations, vigils, picketing, labor activity, religious assemblies, political assemblies, commercial promotions, coordinated sign displays, chanting, marches, and other organized expressive assemblies.
- (c) Prohibited activities within an airport terminal, terminal operational frontage zone, and leased property include:
 - (1) A rally, picket line, march, or organized congregation;
 - (2) Coordinated chanting, singing, or shouting;
 - (3) Use of amplified sound;
 - (4) Stationary or circulating group display of signs, banners, or placards;

- (5) Obstruction or occupation of passenger-processing, loading, unloading, security, ingress, egress, crosswalk, traffic, or emergency areas; and
 - (6) Any comparable coordinated activity reasonably understood as a demonstration or expressive assembly.
- (d) This section shall not prohibit an individual lawfully present for airport-related or other lawful purposes from:
- (1) Wearing expressive clothing, buttons, insignia, or accessories;
 - (2) Engaging in quiet, non-obstructive conversation;
 - (3) Possessing a handheld sign or expressive material without establishing a stationary demonstration or obstructing airport operations;
 - (4) Engaging in lawful news gathering; or
 - (5) Distributing literature to willing recipients to the extent otherwise protected and permitted by reasonable, viewpoint-neutral airport rules.
- (e) The Executive Director shall designate and publish at least one alternative demonstration area outside an airport terminal operational frontage zone. The designated area shall:
- (1) Be reasonably accessible;
 - (2) Be of sufficient size for anticipated lawful use;
 - (3) Not interfere with public safety, security, passenger movement, traffic, or emergency operations; and
 - (4) When operationally practicable, permit communication within sight or hearing of persons using the terminal frontage zone or approaching the terminal.
- (f) Nothing in this Section creates a right to enter secured, sterile, restricted, leased, or nonpublic airport areas for expressive purposes.

Sec. 9-27. Administrative appeal and judicial review.

- (a) An applicant aggrieved by the denial of a permit, the imposition of a condition, the designation of an alternative permit, or the assessment of a fee may file within ten (10) days after notice of denial of the requested permit or assessment of the permit fee a written administrative appeal to the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners. The written administrative appeal shall include a copy of the Executive Director's written decision made the basis of the appeal.

- (b) Except as otherwise provided under subsection (c) below, the Chair of the Board, or his or her designee, shall approve or deny the appeal within ten (10) days after receipt of the written administrative appeal under subsection (a) above.
- (c) If the activity subject to the administrative appeal is scheduled to begin less than ten (10) days, the Chair of the Board, or his or her designee, may for good cause shown by the applicant approve or deny the appeal within five (5) days after receipt of the written administrative appeal under subsection (a) above.
- (d) An appeal may be filed personally, electronically, or by other means designated on the application form.
- (e) The Chair, or his or her designee's ruling, shall be considered de novo of the Executive Director's reasons, and shall be provided to the District and the Applicant in writing. The decision shall identify the specific facts supporting the disposition.
- (f) A ruling by the Chair, or his or her designee, shall constitute exhaustion of administrative remedies.
- (g) An applicant aggrieved by the ruling of the Chair, or his or her designee, may seek judicial relief from ruling by filing a petition for judicial review with the Ninth Judicial District Court, Parish of Rapides, Louisiana.
- (h) Nothing in this Article limits any remedy otherwise available under federal or state law, including an applicant's ability to seeking temporary, preliminary, declaratory, or injunctive relief from a court of competent jurisdiction and venue, when necessary to prevent the loss of constitutionally protected rights.

Sec. 9-28. Suspension or revocation.

- (a) A permit may be suspended or revoked upon specific and articulable facts establishing that:
 - (1) The permit was obtained through a misrepresentation or false statement concerning public safety or operational matters;
 - (2) The activity exceeds the size, location, duration, equipment, or operational scope authorized by the permit;
 - (3) Participants are engaging in conduct creating an imminent threat of physical injury or substantial property damage;
 - (4) The activity is obstructing or interfering with emergency access, airport operations, traffic, ingress, or egress in violation of the permit; or

- (5) An unforeseen emergency makes continued use of the permitted area temporarily impossible.
- (b) When reasonably practicable, the permittee shall receive notice of the violation and a reasonable opportunity to cure before suspension or revocation.
- (c) Suspension or revocation shall not be based upon the content or viewpoint expressed, the anticipated reaction of opponents, isolated unlawful conduct by persons not acting in concert with the permittee, or minor and inadvertent deviations that do not affect safety or operations.
- (d) When a permit is suspended because of an unforeseen emergency, the EEIDD shall make reasonable efforts to provide a nearby alternative location or an alternative time.

Sec. 9-29. Duties of permittee and participants.

All permittees and participants shall:

- (1) Comply with lawful, content-neutral permit conditions;
- (2) Maintain required pedestrian, vehicular, accessible, and emergency passageways;
- (3) Refrain from damaging EEIDD or private property;
- (4) Remove equipment and refuse generated by the activity;
- (5) Comply with lawful directions reasonably necessary to address an actual safety or operational condition; and
- (6) Refrain from representing that issuance of a permit constitutes endorsement by the EEIDD of the activity or message.

Sec. 9-30. Enforcement.

- (a) This Article shall be enforced uniformly and without regard to content or viewpoint.
- (b) Except in circumstances presenting an imminent threat of physical injury, substantial property damage, airport security, or emergency operations, an enforcement officer shall provide a clear warning and reasonable opportunity to comply before issuing a citation, directing dispersal, or removing participants.
- (c) Enforcement shall be directed toward the person or conduct causing the violation and shall not unnecessarily restrict the lawful activity of compliant participants.
- (d) Mere annoyance, offense, controversy, inconvenience, or opposition to a message shall not constitute a violation or grounds for enforcement.

Sec. 9-31. Severability.

If any provision, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, definition, or application of this Article is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions and applications shall remain in full force and effect to the maximum extent permitted by law.

Secs. 9-32 through 9-99. Reserved.

Section 2. This Resolution does not, and shall not be construed to amend, replace, repeal, or supersede Part II, Chapter 10.

Section 3. That any paragraph or subparagraph of any ordinance affected by this Resolution that has not expressly been amended or repealed is hereby reenacted.

Section 4. Severability. If any provision of this Resolution is held invalid, the remaining provisions shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. That this Resolution shall become effective October 1, 2026.

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote at the August 27, 2026, legally convened public meeting, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: 10

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINING: N/A

ABSENT: N/A

DID NOT VOTE: N/A

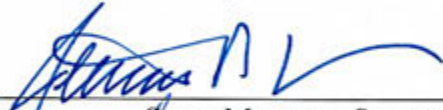
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PARISH OF RAPIDES

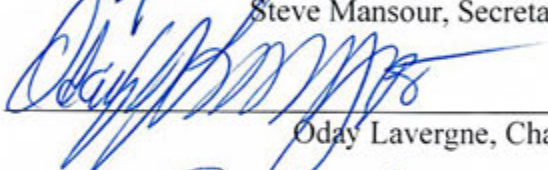
STATE OF LOUISIANA

I, Steve Mansour, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of the England Economic and Industrial Development District of the Parish of Rapides, Alexandria, Louisiana, and further certify that the above and foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of a resolution for the minutes of a regular meeting of the England Economic and Industrial Development District held on August 27, 2026, of said minutes and resolution.

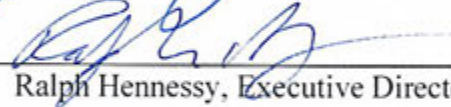
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature.



Steve Mansour, Secretary



Oday Lavergne, Chair



Ralph Hennessy, Executive Director



Available spaces for public events and assemblies are indicated on the map by the yellow boxes.

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