

CITY OF ST. GEORGE, LOUISIANA

BY COUNCIL MEMBER MURRELL:

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-046

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE ST. GEORGE PUBLIC POWER AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTES 33:4172, PROVIDING FOR ITS PURPOSES, POWERS, GOVERNANCE, FINANCES, AND FOR RELATED MATTERS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of St. George, Louisiana, as follows:

Section 1. Short Title.

This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the “Ordinance Creating the St. George Public Power Authority.”

Section 2. Legislative Findings.

The City Council of the City of St. George finds that it is in the public interest to ensure reliable, affordable, and sustainable sources of electric power and energy for the benefit of residents and businesses.

Pursuant to the authority granted by Article VI, Sections 19, 20, and 37 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, and Louisiana Revised Statutes §33:4172 et seq., the City is authorized to create by ordinance a municipal public power authority as a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana.

Notice of intention to introduce this Ordinance has been duly published and a public hearing has been held in compliance with R.S. 33:4172.

Section 3. Creation and Corporate Status.

1. There is hereby created a body corporate and politic known as the “St. George Public Power Authority” (hereinafter the “Authority”).
2. The Authority shall constitute a political subdivision of the City of St. George.
3. The St. George Public Power Authority is a component unit of the City of St. George Government. It is a legal entity separate and apart from the City of St. George, with its own financials and authority over certain power generation and transmission assets. Its governing authority is the St. George City Council, acting in that capacity as the St. George Public Power Authority’s board. Its Chief Executive Officer is the Mayor of the City of St. George.
4. The Authority shall have perpetual succession unless and until dissolved as provided herein.

Section 4. Purposes and Powers.

1. The Authority is created for the purpose of planning, financing, acquiring, constructing, owning, leasing, operating, and maintaining facilities for the generation, production, transmission, distribution, purchase, and sale of electric power and energy, and all related facilities.
2. The Authority shall have all powers granted by Louisiana law, including but not limited to:
 - a) To sue and be sued in its corporate name
 - b) To adopt bylaws for the regulation of its affairs.
 - c) To acquire property by purchase, lease, donation, or expropriation.
 - d) To contract with municipalities, parishes, state agencies, federal agencies, cooperatives, and private entities for power supply, transmission, or joint projects.
 - e) To issue bonds or other obligations payable solely from revenues, as provided in R.S. 33:4172 et seq.
 - f) To fix, charge, and collect rents, rates, and fees sufficient to pay costs of operation and maintenance, to service debt, and to provide reserves.
 - g) To employ engineers, accountants, attorneys, and staff as necessary.
 - h) To exercise all incidental powers necessary to carry out its purposes.

Section 5. Governance.

1. The Authority shall be governed by a Board of Directors composed of seven (7) members.
2. Members shall be appointed by the City Council.
3. Members shall serve staggered four-year terms. The initial terms shall be as follows: two members for two years, three members for four years. Thereafter, all terms shall be four years.
4. Board members shall be residents of the City of St. George or qualified electors thereof.
5. The Board shall elect a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer from among its members.
6. Meetings of the Board shall comply with the Louisiana Open Meetings Law, R.S. 42:11 et seq., and minutes shall be kept as public records.

Section 6. Rates, Revenues, and Finance.

1. The Authority shall establish and revise rates, rents, and fees sufficient at all times to pay operating expenses, debt service, and reserves.
2. All revenues derived from the Authority's operations shall be pledged solely for its lawful purposes and shall not constitute general revenues of the City.
3. The Authority may issue bonds or other obligations payable solely from revenues, subject to the provisions of state law.

4. The Authority shall prepare and adopt an annual budget, and shall submit audited financial statements to the City Council and to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor.

Section 7. Relationship to the City.

1. The City of St. George shall not be liable for the debts or obligations of the Authority.
2. The Authority shall operate as a separate political subdivision; however, its Board shall provide quarterly reports to the City Council regarding its financial status and operations.

Section 8. Dissolution.

1. The Authority may be dissolved by ordinance of the City Council, provided that no dissolution shall impair or affect the validity of any outstanding bonds, contracts, or other obligations.
2. Upon dissolution, any remaining assets, after satisfaction of all obligations, shall be transferred to the City of St. George.

Section 9. Severability.

If any provision of this Ordinance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, which can be given effect without the invalid portion, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared severable.

Section 10. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective in accordance with law upon adoption by the City Council and publication as required by law.


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

Ayes: Cook, Dellucci, Edmonds, Himmel, Monachello, Murrell, Talbot

Nays: None

Absent: None

Introduced on October 14, 2025 and voted on October 28, 2025.



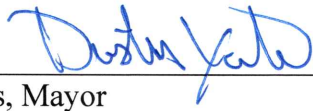
Lorraine Beaman, City Clerk

Delivered to Mayor on Oct 29, 2025.



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Approved:



Dustin Yates, Mayor

Received from Mayor on 30 October, 2025

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