

CITY OF ST. GEORGE

BY COUNCIL MEMBER MONACHELLO

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-031

TO ENACT SECTION 1:1201 OF ST. GEORGE CODE OF
ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO CRIMINAL BACKGROUND
CHECKS OF MAYOR OR CITY COUNCIL APPOINTEES
AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS

WHEREAS, the City of St. George has numerous offices, boards, and commissions that are to be filled by appointment of the Mayor or City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. George wishes to adopt a policy that requires as a precondition of appointment by the Mayor or City Council to any position in the City of St. George government, a criminal background check be conducted of any prospective appointee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the St. George City Council, State of Louisiana hereby enacts the following:

Section 1. Enactment

**Title 1: CITY ORGANIZATION
Chapter 12. APPOINTMENTS**

Sec. 1201. Pre-Appointment criminal background check.

- A. Appointment to any office, board, commission, or position within the City of St. George by the Mayor or City Council is contingent upon the successful completion of a background investigation as to the conviction record of an applicant.
- B. Prior to appointment by the Mayor or City Council, a prospective appointee shall complete all documents necessary for the City of St. George to obtain the conviction records of an applicant seeking appointment and provide the City of St. George with consent to perform a criminal history investigation. A proposed appointee who refuses to comply with this paragraph shall not be eligible for appointment to a position within the City of St. George's government.
- C. The Mayor shall designate an individual as the primary account holder, who shall register the City of St. George with the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections Internet Background Check system. The primary account holder shall conduct an Internet Background Check of any appointee as a precondition of such appointment. Upon written request by the appointee, the results of the Internet Background Check shall be made available to the potential appointee.

Section 2. Conflicts. This Ordinance shall supersede any ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance.

Section 3. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective July 1, 2025.

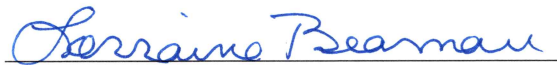
This Ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Cook, Edmonds, Himmel

Nays: None

Absent: Heck, Monachello

Introduced on June 10, 2025 and voted on June 24, 2025.


Lorraine Beaman, City Clerk

Delivered to Mayor on June 26, 2025.


Lorraine Beaman, City Clerk

Approved:


Dustin Yates, Mayor

Received from Mayor on June 26th, 2025.

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