

CITY OF ST. GEORGE

RESOLUTION 2026-025

RECOGNIZING AND CONFIRMING THE ROLE OF IBTS PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO PERFORM MUNICIPAL BUILDING CODE, PERMITTING, PLAN REVIEW, AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE CITY; APPOINTING SUCH PERSONNEL AS CITY CODE ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL, TRAINEES, INSPECTORS-IN-TRAINING, OR ASSISTANTS FOR PURPOSES OF THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE COUNCIL TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW; AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A REQUEST FOR WRITTEN DETERMINATION OR DECLARATORY ORDER; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS

WHEREAS, the City of St. George, Louisiana (“City”) is a newly organized municipality and is responsible for enforcing the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code within its jurisdiction in accordance with La. R.S. 40:1730.21 *et seq.*;

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 40:1730.23 provides that municipalities and parishes shall use building code enforcement officers or certified third-party providers contracted by the municipality, parish, or regional planning commission to act in the capacity of a building code enforcement officer to enforce the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code;

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 40:1730.25 requires each parish and municipality to appoint a council-certified building official or contract with other governmental entities or third parties as authorized by law, and further provides that nothing in Part IV-A of Chapter 8 of Title 40 prevents a municipality or parish from appointing and employing other council-certified personnel and assistants necessary to perform required inspections and technical duties;

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 40:1730.35(D) and LAC 55:VI.901 authorize provisional registration for individuals upon initial employment, employment, or promotion by a parish, municipality, or other political subdivision, provided that the individual is under the supervision of an appropriately registered and ICC-certified code enforcement officer;

WHEREAS, the City has entered into a Contract for Administrative and Development Services with the Institute for Building Technology and Safety (“IBTS”), pursuant to which IBTS performs a broad range of municipal functions for and on behalf of the City, including permitting and inspection services, plan review, certificate-of-occupancy support, code enforcement services, planning and zoning services, engineering support, stormwater management, records support, and other services necessary to the City’s operation;

WHEREAS, because the City is in its formative stage, IBTS personnel assigned to the City’s work function as the City’s practical municipal workforce for many administrative, technical, and

professional municipal services, subject to the direction, oversight, and approval of the City, the Mayor, the City's Building Official, and other authorized City officials;

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that the City/IBTS Contract contains independent-contractor language and that this Resolution is not intended to alter the parties' payroll, benefits, tax, civil service, workers' compensation, insurance, indemnity, or general contractual relationships except to the limited extent expressly approved by LSUCCC for code enforcement registration, appointment, supervision, and trainee purposes;

WHEREAS, the City desires to appoint specifically identified IBTS personnel assigned to the City as City code enforcement personnel, trainees, inspectors-in-training, or assistants for LSUCCC purposes only, subject to LSUCCC approval and subject to supervision by the City's Building Official;

WHEREAS, the City does not seek to allow any person to practice code enforcement without LSUCCC registration or otherwise violate La. R.S. 40:1730.36, and does not seek to authorize any person to make a false certification on a LSUCCC registration application;

WHEREAS, the City seeks written guidance from LSUCCC regarding whether assigned IBTS personnel may be treated as City-appointed code enforcement personnel or provisional trainees under the City's unique municipal-service structure, and if not, what additional municipal appointment, payroll, limited-employment, dual-employment, or secondment structure would be required; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution is in the best interest of the City and promotes the public purposes of code compliance, public safety, municipal capacity, orderly permitting, consistent inspection practices, and faithful enforcement of the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of St. George, Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the City, that:

SECTION 1. Findings. The foregoing recitals are adopted as findings of the City Council and incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

SECTION 2. City service structure. The City Council recognizes and confirms that IBTS personnel assigned to perform City work pursuant to the City/IBTS Contract perform municipal functions for and on behalf of the City and, within the scope of such assignments, operate as part of the City's functional municipal service delivery structure.

SECTION 3. Appointment for LSUCCC purposes. Subject to LSUCCC approval and applicable law, the City Council authorizes the Mayor, the City Building Official, and any other duly authorized City appointing authority to designate and appoint specifically named IBTS personnel assigned to the City as City code enforcement personnel, trainees, inspectors-in-training, or assistants for purposes of performing City code enforcement, plan review, permitting, inspection,

technical, administrative, and training functions under the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code.

SECTION 4. Supervision by Building Official. All such appointed personnel shall perform City work only under the authority, supervision, policies, procedures, and review of the City Building Official or other registered and appropriately certified code enforcement officer designated by the City Building Official, and only within the scope authorized by LSUCCC registration, provisional registration, certification, law, rule, and written Council guidance.

SECTION 5. No independent private inspection authority. This Resolution does not authorize any assigned personnel to act as an independent private inspector for builders, contractors, developers, homeowners, or permit applicants, and does not authorize any person to receive compensation from any such private party for City code enforcement work.

SECTION 6. Request for written determination or declaratory ruling. The Mayor, City Building Official, City Attorney, and other authorized representatives are authorized to submit to LSUCCC a request for written determination, request for agenda placement, or petition for declaratory order or ruling regarding the classification, registration, and trainee treatment of assigned IBTS personnel.

SECTION 7. Supporting documents. The Mayor, City Building Official, and other authorized City representatives are authorized to execute appointment letters, supervision protocols, conflict certifications, contract acknowledgments, personnel rosters, and related documents necessary or appropriate to implement this Resolution, subject to LSUCCC approval.

SECTION 8. Limited effect. This Resolution is limited to LSUCCC registration, appointment, supervision, and trainee purposes. It shall not be construed to create general City employment status, payroll rights, civil service status, retirement rights, benefit rights, or any other rights or obligations beyond those expressly required and approved for LSUCCC purposes.

SECTION 9. Effective date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

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

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

Against:

Absent/Abstaining/Recused:

CERTIFICATION

The above and foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at the regular meeting of the St. George City Council held on July 14, 2026.


Lorraine Beaman, City Clerk

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of St. George, Louisiana, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted at the Regular Meeting of the St. George City Council held on July 14, 2026.

Lorraine Beaman, City Clerk