

ORDINANCE NO. OF 2021

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE E. EDWARD JONES TRUST FUND FOR THE YEAR 2021 TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION FOR AN EVICTION MITIGATION PROGRAM AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the federal moratorium on evictions of qualified tenants by landlords is due to expire on July 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing economic downturn due to the COVID-19 pandemic continues to adversely impact both state and local economies; and

WHEREAS, many of our citizens continue to experience financial hardships and are unable to pay rent and facing eviction as a result; and

WHEREAS, eviction of large numbers of our citizens will cause both a social and economic crisis in the area; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) made funds available to assist qualifying households pay rent and avoid eviction; and

WHEREAS, some qualifying renters may still be subject to eviction while they wait for their rental assistance applications to be completed and approved before funds are disbursed; and

WHEREAS, the proposed emergency eviction mitigation program is intended to help bridge the gap between the rental assistance application and funding to help prevent qualifying applicants from being evicted; and

WHEREAS, funds for this program would be reimbursed from the state portion of Caddo Parish rental assistance funds; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the E. Edward Jones Housing Trust Fund for the year 2021 is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
<u>E. Edward Jones Housing Trust Fund</u>	
Eviction Mitigation Program	\$20,000
Fund Balance	(\$20,000)

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved as to legal form:

Parish Attorney

Date