

ORDINANCE NO. OF 2021

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND FOR THE YEAR 2021 TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION FOR A COVID-19 VACCINATION CAMPAIGN AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, as of Sunday, July 18th, a total of 49% of the American population is fully vaccinated against COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana is behind the national average with only 36.1% of the total population being fully vaccinated; and

WHEREAS, studies show that vaccines are not only effective against the virus, they're also highly effective at preventing serious disease or hospitalization in the event of infection; and

WHEREAS, the current COVID-19 vaccines have been proven to be effective in minimizing the spread and severity of COVID-19 infections, including the delta variant, now the dominant strain in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, the delta variant is expected to become the dominant strain of COVID-19 in Caddo Parish and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, hospitals in the area may be at risk of being overwhelmed with COVID-19 patients in the event that cases requiring hospitalization increase rapidly; and

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan includes provisions to allow for funds to be set aside to support COVID-19 response and mitigation efforts; and

WHEREAS, the goal is to achieve higher vaccination rates within the Caddo Parish population; 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 American Rescue Plan Fund for the year 2021 is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
<u>American Rescue Plan Fund</u>	
COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign	\$ 50,000
Fund Balance	(\$ 50,000)

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BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.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