

ORDINANCE NO. 6166 OF 2022

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE E. EDWARD JONES HOUSING TRUST FUND TO ROLL OVER AN EXISTING 2021 APPROPRIATION FOR EVICTION MITIGATION INTO THE 2022 BUDGET AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the federal moratorium on evictions of qualified tenants by landlords has expired as of August 26, 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, Ordinance 6091 of 2021 appropriated \$20,000 for emergency eviction mitigation; and

WHEREAS, the budget for eviction mitigation lapsed at the end of 2021; and

WHEREAS, the funds that were set aside in 2021 for legal services related to eviction mitigation remained mostly unused and Caddo Parish Commission would like to re-appropriate the remaining \$19,350 for 2022; and

WHEREAS, a portion of funds allocated in 2022 would be made available to advertise the availability of legal services related to eviction mitigation: and

WHEREAS, the proposed emergency eviction mitigation program continues to be 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 2022 is hereby amended as follows:

| | <u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u> |
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| <u>E. Edward Jones Trust Fund</u> | |
| Eviction Mitigation Program | \$19,350 |
| Fund Balance | (\$19,350) |

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