



REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF SELECTMEN



**September 8, 2025
6:00 P.M.
Council Chambers**

Dr. Xanthe Y. Seals, Mayor

Council Members:

- *Alonzo Mitchell - District I*
- *Joyce Ivory-District II*
- *Jimmy Hand-District III*
- *Verletha Adams -District IV*
- *Sammy Kirk -District V*

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL & MAYOR

**September 8, 6:00 P.M.
Council Chambers
400 East Main St. Homer, LA**

MAYOR'S WORKSHOP-5:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M.

Administration

- *Mayor Dr. Xanthe Y. Seals**
- *Councilman Alonzo Mitchell, District 1**
- *Councilwoman Joyce Ivory, District 2**
- *Councilman Jimmy Hand, District 3**
- *Councilwoman Verletha Adams, District 4**
- *Councilman Sammy Kirk, District 5**

Administrative Staff

Pamela Breedlove, Town Attorney
Van McDaniel, Police Chief
Shenovia Harris, Town Treasurer/Town Clerk
Derrick Burns, Public Works Dept./Street & Sidewalk
Vivian Moffett, Public Works Dept./Water & Sewer
Guardian Journal, Official Journal

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Invocation**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Roll Call**
- V. Motion to adopt the minutes for the Regular Meeting held August 11, 2025**
- VI. Public Comment on Agenda Items**

(Citizens' Communication to Council may be made on agenda items only. Louisiana Open Meeting Laws provide that the public has the opportunity to address the board prior to taking any action on an agenda item at today's meeting. As you speak, please identify yourself by name and address and state the agenda item on which you intend to speak. Please limit comments to 3 minutes.)

VII. Special Administrator's Report

VIII. New Business

1. Approve Resolution #25-019-A resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in the Town of Homer, State of Louisiana, to authorize the rededication of a sales and use tax therein, making application to the State Bond Commission, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

*Shall the Town of Homer, Parish of Claiborne, State of Louisiana (the "Town"), having been previously authorized at an election held on NOVEMBER 16, 1985 to levy a 1% sales and use tax (the "Tax"), upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and upon the sales of services in the Town, all as defined by law, for an infinite period, (an estimated \$583,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected for the levy of the Tax for an entire year), be authorized to rededicate the proceeds of the Tax heretofore or hereafter collected as follows: **After paying the reasonable and necessary expenses of collecting and administering the tax; (i) 60% to be used for constructing, paving, resurfacing, improving, maintaining, and/or operating expenses for streets in and for the Town, and (ii) 40% to be used for any lawful purpose of the Town.***

2. Approve Resolution #25-020-A resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in the Town of Homer, State of Louisiana, to authorize the rededication of a sales and use tax therein, making application to the State Bond Commission, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

*Shall the Town of Homer, Parish of Claiborne, State of Louisiana (the "Town"), having been previously authorized at an election held on NOVEMBER 21, 2015 to levy a 1% sales and use tax (the "Tax"), upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and upon the sales of services in the Town, all as defined by law, for an infinite period, (an estimated \$583,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected for the levy of the Tax for an entire year), be authorized to rededicate the proceeds of the Tax heretofore or hereafter collected as follows: **After paying the reasonable and necessary expenses of collecting and administering the tax; (i) 70% to be used for the purposes of improving, maintaining, and operating public works of the Town, including streets and related drainage, combined sewer and waterworks system, garbage collection and waste disposal facilities, police stations and equipment, public buildings, fire department stations and equipment, public parks and recreational facilities, and purchasing and acquiring the necessary land, equipment and furnishings for the aforementioned public works, title to which improvements shall be in the public, or for any one or more of said purposes, and for further authority to fund a portion of the avails of the Tax into Bonds in the manner provided by law, and (ii) 30% to be used for any lawful purpose of the Town.***

3. Approve Resolution #25-021-A resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in the Town of Homer, State of Louisiana, to authorize the rededication of a sales and use tax therein, making application to the State Bond Commission, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

*Shall the Town of Homer, Parish of Claiborne, State of Louisiana (the "Town"), having been previously authorized at an election held on NOVEMBER 4, 2014 to levy a 1% sales and use tax (the "Tax"), upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and upon the sales of services in the Town, all as defined by law, for an infinite period, (an estimated \$583,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected for the levy of the Tax for an entire year), be authorized to rededicate the proceeds of the Tax heretofore or hereafter collected as follows: **After paying the reasonable and necessary expenses of collecting and administering the tax; (i) to be used primarily for regular residential garbage collection and for further authority to fund a portion of the avails of the Tax into Bonds in the manner provided by law, and (ii) any remaining proceeds to be used for any lawful purpose of the Town.***

4. Approve the introduction of Ordinance #25-004 -An Ordinance designating the Downtown Homer Courthouse Square as a No-Thru –Truck Zone and directing heavy vehicle traffic to LA 9 Truck and US 79 Truck Bypass Routes.
5. Approve one-day Alcohol Permit for Main Street Homer for the Louisiana Legends Fest to be held Saturday, October 18, 2025.

Mayor's Report:

- **Mayor's Office**
- **Council**
- **Public Works**
- **Airport**
- **Police**

IX. Adjourn

Twenty-four hour notice is hereby given and publicly posted on Friday, September 5, 2025 by 5:00 P.M.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance, please contact Shenovia Harris at (318) 927-3555 describing the assistance that is necessary.

Shenovia Harris, Interim Town Clerk

(Name and Position of Authorized Person)

Town of Homer

400 East Main St – Homer, LA 71040

(318) 927-3555

**Council Members: *Alonzo Mitchell-District I* *Joyce Ivory District II* *Jimmy Hand-District III*
Verletha Adams -District IV *Sammy Kirk-District V***

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***PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF HOMER
STATE OF LOUISIANA***

COUNCIL MEETING FOR AUGUST 11, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Town of Homer Mayor and Council was called to order with Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals presiding on the 11th day of August 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 400 East Main Street, Homer, Louisiana with a quorum present. The Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Xanthe Seals.

ROLL CALL

On roll call, the following were present:

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Y. Seals
District 1, Councilman Alonzo Mitchell
District 2, Councilwoman Joyce Ivory
District 3, Councilman Jimmy Hand
District 4, Councilwoman Verletha Adams
District 5, Councilman Sammy Kirk

Administrative Staff/Others Present:

Shenovia Harris, Town Treasurer/Interim Town Clerk
Public Works Superintendent-Water & Sewer, Vivian Moffett
David Greer, Special Administrator
Public Works Superintendent-Street & Sidewalk, Derrick Burns
Guardian Journal, Official Journal

Administrative Staff/Others Absent:

Police Chief, Van McDaniel

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING DATED AUGUST 11, 2025

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve minutes for regular meeting held August 11, 2025. Motion was made by Councilman Jimmy Hand and seconded by Councilwoman Verletha Adams. Motion passes unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Patricia Williams, resident of East Fourth Street, addressed the Mayor and Council in reference to a high utility bill. Mayor Seals stated that the Public Works Department will review the account.

SPECIAL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Greer reported that the draft of the 2023 Audit Report was complete and should be available soon. The 2024 Audit Report is projected to be completed by December 31, 2025 and the 2025 Audit Report should be finished timely. Mr. Greer updated the Mayor and Council that all State Tax Reports are filed and paid in full and the Town Attorney will be drafting a letter to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in reference

to securing a payment plan for the IRS debt. Mr. Koskie stated that financial reports would be available next week; he is currently entering adjusting entries required by the Auditors in the system so that the 2024 Audit could move forward.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Resolution #25-016 – A Resolution giving consent to the Board of Directors of the Herbert S. Ford Memorial Museum, Inc. to apply for a 2025 Paul Bruhn Main Street Homer Rural Revitalization Subgrant from the Historic Revitalization Subgrant Program to be used for the purposes of Restoration of the Roof/Skylight and Front Window Reglazing.

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve Resolution #25-016 – A Resolution giving consent to the Board of Directors of the Herbert S. Ford Memorial Museum, Inc. to apply for a 2025 Paul Bruhn Main Street Homer Rural Revitalization Subgrant from the Historic Revitalization Subgrant Program to be used for the purposes of Restoration of the Roof/Skylight and Front Window Reglazing. Motion was made by Councilwoman Verletha Adams and seconded by Councilman Sammy Kirk. Motion passes by the following vote: Councilman Alonzo Mitchell, District 1-Yea, Councilwoman Joyce Ivory, District 2-Yea, Councilman Jimmy Hand, District 3-Abstain, Councilwoman Verletha Adams, District 4-Yea, and Councilman Sammy Kirk, District 5-Yea.

Approve Resolution #25-017 – A Resolution of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Homer to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the E911 Claiborne Parish Communications District.

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve Resolution #25-017 – A Resolution of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Homer to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the E911 Claiborne Parish Communications District. Motion was made by Councilman Sammy Kirk and seconded by Councilman Jimmy Hand. Motion passes unanimously.

Approve Resolution #25-018 - Resolution of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Homer to establish a Fine and Court Costs Schedule for Traffic Violations and Criminal Misdemeanor Offenses in the Town of Homer.

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve Resolution #25-018 - Resolution of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Homer to establish a Fine and Court Costs Schedule for Traffic Violations and Criminal Misdemeanor Offenses in the Town of Homer. Motion was made by Councilman Sammy Kirk and seconded by Councilwoman Joyce Ivory. Motion passes unanimously.

Approve Alcohol Permit for Betty Tims for August 30, 2025 for a Family Reunion Event.

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve Alcohol Permit for Betty Tims for August 30, 2025 for a Family Reunion Event. Motion was made by Councilman Jimmy Hand and seconded by Councilman Sammy Kirk. Motion passes unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Seals thanked the Claiborne Parish School Board (CPSB) for providing school supplies for students this year. Mayor Seals reminded residents that Republic Services are only obligated to pick up one garbage can per household per the contract that Republic Services has with the Town of Homer; large appliances may be dropped off on Oil Mill Street during the Trash Bash held the first Saturday of each month. If garbage is missed by Republic Services, residents may contact the Business Office at City Hall for assistance. The Town Attorney is reviewing code enforcement regulations.

COUNCIL

Councilman Alonzo Mitchell reminded citizens to slow down due to the school year has started back and also for residents to beware of stray animals.

Councilwoman Joyce Ivory recognized Street Superintendent Derrick Burns and Water Superintendent Vivian Moffett for their assistance with a call.

Councilman Jimmy Hand recognized the Public Works Department for the ditch work done on Beverly Drive.

Councilwoman Verletha Adams recognized the Public Works Department for the driveway repairs at Pelican Pediatrics where there was water damage. Councilwoman Adams expressed her concerns with blight properties and looks forward to working with the new Town Attorney for a resolution.

Councilman Sammy Kirk stated his concern as well in reference to blight properties. Councilman Sammy Kirk stated that he picked up six blocks of trash the previous weekend.

PUBLIC WORKS

Vivian Moffett, Water & Sewer Superintendent, reported that in July, lightning struck a 6 inch water main on West Main that has been repaired. Mr. Moffett also stated that if any resident has brown water to call to the Business Office and the Public Works Department will flush the water lines. Mr. Moffett also will check complaint for Ms. Patricia Williams on East Fourth Street in reference to a high water usage.

AIRPORT

Mayor Seals stated that Mark Perot is the current Airport Manager and the process has began selecting an Airport District Board

POLICE

None

ADJOURN

With no other business to be addressed, Mayor Seals entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Councilman Jimmy Hand and seconded by Councilman Sammy Kirk. Motion passes unanimously.

I, SHENOVIA HARRIS, TREASURER, TOWN OF HOMER, DO CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE CONSTITUTES A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE MEETING MINUTES HELD BETWEEN THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF HOMER, THIS 11th DAY OF AUGUST 2025, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HOMER, LOUISIANA.

INTERIM CLERK, TOWN OF HOMER, HOMER, LA

The following resolution was offered by _____ and seconded by _____.

RESOLUTION #25-019

A resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in the Town of Homer, State of Louisiana, to authorize the rededication of a sales and use tax therein, making application to the State Bond Commission, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Homer, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Town of Homer, State of Louisiana (the "Town"), that:

SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, including Article VI, Section 29 hereof, the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, an election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the Town on **APRIL 18, 2026**, between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at the said election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION (SALES TAX REDEDICATION)

Shall the Town of Homer, Parish of Claiborne, State of Louisiana (the "Town"), having been previously authorized at an election held on NOVEMBER 16, 1985 to levy a 1% sales and use tax (the "Tax"), upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and upon the sales of services in the Town, all as defined by law, for an infinite period, (an estimated \$583,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected for the levy of the Tax for an entire year), be authorized to rededicate the proceeds of the Tax heretofore or hereafter collected as follows: **After paying the reasonable and necessary expenses of collecting and administering the tax; (i) 60% to be used for constructing, paving, resurfacing, improving, maintaining, and/or operating expenses for streets in and for the Town, and (ii) 40% to be used for any lawful purpose of the Town.**

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election. A Notice of Special Election shall be published in the official journal of the Town once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days

prior to the date of the election, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to the publication of the Notice of Election, the Mayor, or court appointed Fiscal Administrator, is authorized and directed to make any amendments to the forgoing proposition that may be required to comply with any state or federal regulatory agencies.

SECTION 3. Canvass. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Council Meeting Room of the Town of Homer Town Hall, 400 East Main Street, Homer, Louisiana, on **APRIL 20, 2026**, at **FIVE O'CLOCK (5:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of the said special election.

SECTION 4. Polling Places. The polling places for the precincts in the Town are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 5. Election Commissioners, Voting Machines. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the said special election as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said election for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the Parish will be entitled to vote at the special election, and voting machines shall be used.

SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers. The Secretary of the Governing Authority is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election and the Mayor, or court appointed Fiscal Administrator, and/or Secretary of the Governing Authority are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the election.

SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials. Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Parish Custodian of Voting Machines of Claiborne Parish and the Registrar of Voters of Claiborne Parish, as notification of the special election, in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 8. Application to State Bond Commission. Application made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the special election as herein provided, and in the event said election carries for further consent and authority to continue to levy and collect the sales and use tax provided for therein. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

SECTION 9. Employment of Counsel. This Governing Authority finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of special counsel on matters related to the special election, and accordingly, **Pamela N. Breedlove**, is hereby employed as special counsel for the purpose for a term not exceeding one (1) year from the date of this resolution. The fee to be paid said special counsel shall be an amount computed at hourly rate based on the Attorney General's then current Maximum Hourly Fee Schedule, not to exceed \$1,000.00 in the aggregate, together with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses, and the Secretary is authorized to pay such invoices as and when presented. The scope of this legal representation does not involve federal claims.

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

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 8th day of **September, 2025** .

Secretary

Mayor

EXHIBIT "A"

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Homer, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Town of Homer, State of Louisiana (the "Town"), on **September 8, 2025**, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the Town on **APRIL 18, 2026**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the Town qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION (SALES TAX REDEDICATION)

Shall the Town of Homer, State of Louisiana (the "Town"), having been previously authorized at an election held on NOVEMBER 16, 1985, to levy a 1% sales and use tax (the "Tax") (an estimated \$583,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected for the levy of the Tax for an entire year), be authorized to rededicate the proceeds of the Tax heretofore or hereafter collected as follows: **After paying the reasonable and necessary expenses of collecting and administering the tax; (i) 60% to be used for constructing, paving, resurfacing, improving, maintaining, and/or operating expenses for streets in and for the Town, and (ii) 40% to be used for any lawful purpose of the Town.**

Said special election will be held at each and every polling place in the Town of Homer, which open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541.

The polling places at the precincts in the Town are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioner-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$1,700 per proposition with a total cost of three propositions \$5,100.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and

designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Council Meeting Room of the Town of Homer Town Hall, 400 East Main Street, Homer, Louisiana, on **APRIL 20, 2025**, at **FIVE O'CLOCK (5:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of the said special election. All registered voters of the Town are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

STATE OF LOUISIANA

TOWN OF HOMER

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Town of Homer, State of Louisiana (the “Governing Authority”), the governing authority of the Town of Homer, State of Louisiana (the “Town”), do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of the proceedings taken by the Governing Authority on **April 8, 2025**, ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Town of Homer, State of Louisiana, to authorize the rededication of a sales and use tax therein, making application to the State Bond Commission, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature at Homer, Louisiana, on this, the **8th** day of **September, 2025**.

Secretary

The following resolution was offered by _____ and seconded by _____.

RESOLUTION #25-020

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the Tax into Bonds in the manner provided by law, and (ii) 30% to be used for any lawful purpose of the Town.

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SECTION 4. Polling Places. The polling places for the precincts in the Town are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 5. Election Commissioners, Voting Machines. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the said special election as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said election for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the Parish will be entitled to vote at the special election, and voting machines shall be used.

SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers. The Secretary of the Governing Authority is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election and the Mayor, or court appointed Fiscal Administrator, and/or Secretary of the Governing Authority are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the election.

SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials. Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Parish Custodian of Voting Machines of Claiborne Parish and the Registrar of Voters of Claiborne Parish, as notification of the special election, in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 8. Application to State Bond Commission. Application made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the special election as herein provided, and in the event said election carries for further consent and authority to continue to levy and collect the sales and use tax provided for therein. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

SECTION 9. Employment of Counsel. This Governing Authority finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of special counsel on matters related to the special election, and accordingly, **Pamela N. Breedlove**, is hereby employed as special counsel for the purpose for a term not exceeding one (1) year from the date of this resolution. The fee to be paid said special counsel shall be an amount computed at hourly rate based on the Attorney General's then current Maximum Hourly Fee Schedule, not to exceed \$1,000.00 in the aggregate, together with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses, and the Secretary is authorized to pay such invoices as and when presented. The scope of this legal representation does not involve federal claims.

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

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 8th day of **September, 2025**.

Secretary

Mayor

EXHIBIT "A"

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The polling places at the precincts in the Town are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioner-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$1,700 per proposition with a total cost of three propositions \$5,100.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Council Meeting Room of the Town of Homer Town Hall, 400 East Main Street, Homer, Louisiana, on **APRIL 20, 2026, at FIVE O'CLOCK (5:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of the said special election. All registered voters of the Town are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

STATE OF LOUISIANA

TOWN OF HOMER

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Town of Homer, State of Louisiana (the “Governing Authority”), the governing authority of the Town of Homer, State of Louisiana (the “Town”), do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of the proceedings taken by the Governing Authority on **April 8, 2025**, ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Town of Homer, State of Louisiana, to authorize the rededication of a sales and use tax therein, making application to the State Bond Commission, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature at Homer, Louisiana, on this, the **8th** day of **September, 2025**.

Secretary

The following resolution was offered by _____ and seconded by _____.

RESOLUTION #25-021

A resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in the Town of Homer, State of Louisiana, to authorize the rededication of a sales and use tax therein, making application to the State Bond Commission, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Homer, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Town of Homer, State of Louisiana (the "Town"), that:

SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, including Article VI, Section 29 hereof, the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, an election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the Town on **APRIL 18, 2026**, between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at the said election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION (SALES TAX REDEDICATION)

Shall the Town of Homer, Parish of Claiborne, State of Louisiana (the "Town"), having been previously authorized at an election held on NOVEMBER 4, 2014 to levy a 1% sales and use tax (the "Tax"), upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and upon the sales of services in the Town, all as defined by law, for an infinite period, (an estimated \$583,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected for the levy of the Tax for an entire year), be authorized to rededicate the proceeds of the Tax heretofore or hereafter collected as follows: **After paying the reasonable and necessary expenses of collecting and administering the tax; (i) to be used primarily for regular residential garbage collection and for further authority to fund a portion of the avails of the Tax into Bonds in the manner provided by law, and (ii) any remaining proceeds to be used for any lawful purpose of the Town.**

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election. A Notice of Special Election shall be published in the official journal of the Town once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days

prior to the date of the election, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to the publication of the Notice of Election, the Mayor, or court appointed Fiscal Administrator, is authorized and directed to make any amendments to the forgoing proposition that may be required to comply with any state or federal regulatory agencies.

SECTION 3. Canvass. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Council Meeting Room of the Town of Homer Town Hall, 400 East Main Street, Homer, Louisiana, on **APRIL 20, 2026**, at **FIVE O'CLOCK (5:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of the said special election.

SECTION 4. Polling Places. The polling places for the precincts in the Town are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 5. Election Commissioners, Voting Machines. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the said special election as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said election for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the Parish will be entitled to vote at the special election, and voting machines shall be used.

SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers. The Secretary of the Governing Authority is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election and the Mayor, or court appointed Fiscal Administrator, and/or Secretary of the Governing Authority are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the election.

SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials. Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Parish Custodian of Voting Machines of Claiborne Parish and the Registrar of Voters of Claiborne Parish, as notification of the special election, in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 8. Application to State Bond Commission. Application made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the special election as herein provided, and in the event said election carries for further consent and authority to continue to levy and collect the sales and use tax provided for therein. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

SECTION 9. Employment of Counsel. This Governing Authority finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of special counsel on matters related to the special election, and accordingly, **Pamela N. Breedlove**, is hereby employed as special counsel for the purpose for a term not exceeding one (1) year from the date of this resolution. The fee to be paid said special counsel shall be an amount computed at hourly rate based on the Attorney General's then current Maximum Hourly Fee Schedule, not to exceed \$1,000.00 in the aggregate, together with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses, and the Secretary is authorized to pay such invoices as and when presented. The scope of this legal representation does not involve federal claims.

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

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 8th day of **September, 2025**.

Secretary

Mayor

EXHIBIT "A"

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Homer, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Town of Homer, State of Louisiana (the "Town"), on **September 8, 2025**, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the Town on **APRIL 18, 2026**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the Town qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

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Secretary

Town of Homer, Louisiana

Ordinance No. [25-004]

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE DOWNTOWN HOMER COURTHOUSE SQUARE AS A NO-THRU-TRUCK ZONE AND DIRECTING HEAVY VEHICLE TRAFFIC TO LA 9 TRUCK AND US 79 TRUCK BYPASS ROUTES

Section 1. Authority

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statutes Title 32, including but not limited to R.S. 32:41 and R.S. 32:55, granting municipalities authority to regulate traffic on streets within their corporate limits and to designate routes for freight-carrying vehicles.

Section 2. Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to promote public safety, pedestrian accessibility, preservation of historic resources, and smooth traffic operations within the downtown Courthouse Square by prohibiting thru-truck traffic and routing such vehicles to the LA 9 Truck/US 79 Truck bypass.

Section 3. Definitions

- Truck: Any motor vehicle or combination of vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) in excess of 26,000 pounds, designed or used primarily for the transportation of property.
- Thru-Truck: Any truck traveling through the Town without a point of origin or destination on the restricted streets.
- Local Delivery: The operation of a truck for the purpose of delivering or picking up goods, materials, or passengers at locations fronting the restricted streets.

Section 4. Restricted Area

The following streets forming the Courthouse Square are designated as No Thru-Truck Streets:

- East Main Street (from North 2nd Street to North 3rd Street)
- West Main Street (from North 2nd Street to North 3rd Street)
- North Main Street (from East Main Street to West Main Street)
- South Main Street (from East Main Street to West Main Street)

Section 5. Exceptions

This restriction shall not apply to:

1. Trucks making local deliveries or pickups to properties abutting the restricted streets.
2. Emergency vehicles, public works vehicles, or utility service trucks while on official duty.
3. Construction vehicles operating under a valid permit or detour authorization.

Section 6. Alternative Routes

All thru-trucks must use the designated bypass routes:

- LA 9 Truck Route (via US 79 Bypass and LA 2), and
- US 79 Truck Bypass, as signed and maintained by LaDOTD.

Section 7. Signage

The Town shall erect and maintain conspicuous signage at every entrance to the restricted streets, in compliance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and the Louisiana DOTD Traffic Engineering Manual, clearly notifying operators of the truck prohibition and directing them to the bypass routes.

Section 8. Enforcement

1. Any violation of this ordinance shall be a misdemeanor, punishable by fines consistent with R.S. 32:57 and the Town of Homer Code of Ordinances.
2. No citation shall be valid unless official traffic control devices giving notice of the restriction were posted at the time of the violation.

Section 9. Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption and upon written approval from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for any state-maintained segments of the restricted streets.

Adopted this 8th day of September , 2025.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

Signage Schedule (MUTCD / LaDOTD Compliant)

The following signage installations are required to implement the ordinance.

| Approach | Sign Type / MUTCD Code | Message / Notes | Direction to Bypass |
|---------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------|
| North (LA 9 SB / North Main St) | R5-2a – NO THRU TRUCKS (GVW >26,000 lbs) | Posted before intersection with Courthouse Square | Arrow to US 79 Bypass |
| South (LA 9 NB / South Main St) | R5-2a – NO THRU TRUCKS (GVW >26,000 lbs) | Posted before entry to square | Arrow to US 79 Bypass |
| East (East Main St / LA 2 WB) | Advance Sign + R5-2a | Advance: TRUCKS USE BYPASS – 500 ft ahead; restriction at entry | Arrow to US 79 Bypass |
| West (West Main St / LA 2 EB) | Advance Sign + R5-2a | Advance: TRUCKS USE BYPASS – 500 ft ahead; restriction at entry | Arrow to US 79 Bypass |



LOUISIANA LEGENDS FEST

Honorable Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals
400 East Main Street
Homer, LA 71040

May 19, 2025

Regarding 2025 Louisiana Legends Festival – Hand-delivered

Dear Mayor Seals,

On behalf of Claiborne Unite Foundation, dba Louisiana Legends Festival, I have attached a request for the use of the Homer City Hall complex for the October 2025 festival.

Four previous years, the Louisiana Legends Festival has made the Town of Homer the centerpiece of the annual festival. The festival continues to grow with the total day crowd from 2024 approaching the 6,000-visitor level. The Town of Homer and the Homer Police Department have been great partners in the past and we are looking forward to our continued relationship into the future. The Town's assistance in festival preparation, Town readiness, and the use of and placement of the stage have all helped produce a festival that works to bring positive image of the Town and the Parish.

The 2025 festival planning has been focused on improving our return on assets in both financial and volunteer effort. That focus has led to several key changes. The Legends dinner has been eliminated to allow for a festival day, more public Legend Presentation. We are seeking a more festival friendly space for the very successful Art Contest, we are expecting our annual car show to approach 150 entries, and we anticipate the largest festival yet.


I asked the office hold the October 18, 2025 date and I have attached the Facility Rental Agreement for your review.

The first four years of the festival have seen over 16,000 people visit downtown Homer and help us generate over \$120,000 for Claiborne Parish Partner organizations. On behalf of the festival, we would like to request that the fees for rental be waived and replaced with a like level Gift in Kind sponsorship. That sponsorship will come with the level premiums including marketing activity. If it is determined that a fee is required, please let me know and I will finalize with our Steering Committee. If a deposit is required, please let me know and I will arrange.

The partnership between the festival production has depended on a great partnership between the Town of Homer, Claiborne Parish Police Jury, the Claiborne Parish Sheriff's Department, and frankly the festival could not happen without this cooperation. We look forward to the continued working relationship. Each year, local business report record sales, activity is family-friendly, and we see new visitors every year. The festival is an insured festival, and we will make necessary arrangements for security.

I apologize for making the request in writing, but we were unable to match your schedule. I will be out of town for the next two weeks, so I wanted to get this started. If you have any questions, please reach out to me, Mary Hamil (318-422-9200) or Beverly Hightower (214-534-0554)

Sincerely,


Jack Hightower
318-433-1312

Attachments: Rental Agreement, Rental Detail, Hold Harmless



LOUISIANA LEGENDS FEST

Louisiana Legends Fest Town of Homer Rental Request

Detail Request:

- City Hall Auditorium – used for the display of the annual Art Contest and stage for open to public Legend presentation. Festival volunteers will be responsible for set-up and clean-up.
- City Hall Kitchen and small meeting room – to be used as part of the prep and work area. Limited Access
- Chamber Meeting Room – A sponsor reception to be held in the chamber. Limited Access
- Use of and placement of the Town of Homer Stage. Space to be determined
- Any alcohol permits will be obtained in coordination with our partner Main Street Homer
- Louisiana Legends Fest will provide liability insurance and arrange for security. Of the facility
- The request uses the day prior for set-up and the day after for clean-up