

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE CITY OF THIBODAUX,  
THE PARISH OF LAFOURCHE,  
AND  
THE 17TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**

This agreement is made between the City of Thibodaux, represented herein by the Mayor Kevin Clement, the Parish of Lafourche represented herein by the Parish President Archie Chaisson, III and the 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court in and for the Parish of Lafourche represented herein by Chief Judge F. Hugh Larose, pursuant to the authority granted by Article VII, section 14(c) of the LA Constitution of 1974;

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this agreement is to provide temporary space to the 17<sup>th</sup> to conduct sessions of court in the Thibodaux City Court Chambers and Lafourche Parish Council Chambers located in the Mathews Government Complex, in the event that, due to natural or man-made disaster, the 17<sup>th</sup>'s courthouses in Thibodaux are not available for use.

**SCOPE:** The City of Thibodaux and the Parish of Lafourche will make available to the 17<sup>th</sup> the Council Chambers at Thibodaux City Court and the Lafourche Parish Mathews Government Complex, for use during regular working hours, provided that these areas are not in use by the City of Thibodaux or the Parish of Lafourche. If there is available space which later is needed by the City of Thibodaux or the Parish of Lafourche, the 17<sup>th</sup> will vacate that space with at least 24-hour notice.

**STAFF:** The 17<sup>th</sup> will provide all employees necessary to hold sessions of court, and those employees shall never be considered employees of the City of Thibodaux or the Parish for any reason or under any circumstances, and any Judge of the 17<sup>th</sup> who is present shall exercise supervision and control over all employees of the 17<sup>th</sup> and any personnel on duty from the Lafourche Parish Sheriff and Clerk of Court who are serving on the Judge's staff.

**EQUIPMENT:** The Judge and Staff from the 17<sup>th</sup> may use furniture and equipment owned by the City of Thibodaux and the Parish of Lafourche to hold sessions of court, with the approval of the City of Thibodaux and the Parish of Lafourche, and the 17<sup>th</sup> shall be liable for any loss of or damage to said equipment arising out of its use of the equipment by the 17<sup>th</sup>.

**FACILITIES:** The 17<sup>th</sup> shall not erect any walls or permanent partitions or install any equipment requiring nails or screws in the space or rooms made available in this agreement, and the 17<sup>th</sup> shall be liable for any damage to the space, arising out of its use and occupancy under this agreement.

**TERMINATION:** This agreement may be terminated by any party at any time with thirty (30) days written notice to the other parties.

**INDEMNIFICATION:** All parties agree to indemnify each other and hold each other harmless and defend each other, including each party’s officers, agents and employees, against all claims and demands, including attorney fees and court costs, for actions arising out of or in connection with the use of the designated spaces mentioned above caused in whole or in part by the act or omission of any officer, agent, or employee.

DONE AND SIGNED in Thibodaux Louisiana, on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

Parish of Lafourche

City of Thibodaux

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ARCHIE CHAISSON, III  
PARISH PRESIDENT

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KEVIN CLEMENT  
MAYOR

17<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court

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F. HUGH LAROSE  
CHIEF JUDGE