

## OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING MEETING CITY OF THIBODAUX THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA September 3, 2025

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Thibodaux assembled in regular session at its regular meeting place, City Hall, 310 West  $2^{nd}$  Street, Thibodaux, Louisiana, on Wednesday, September 3, 2025 at 5:00 P.M.

There were present: Clay Breaud, Drew Andrews, Trey Ledet, Thomas Shanklin

**Absent: Mark Kearns** 

The minutes of the July 2, 2025 Planning and Zoning Commission Meetings were approved as written.

....upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Breaud, Andrews, Ledet, Shanklin

NAY: None

ABSTAINED: None ABSENT: Kearns

Breaud introduced request by City Administration to amend and re-enact Article 2, Section 202 – Definitions of the City of Thibodaux's Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station: a device that permits the transfer of electric energy (by conductive or inductive means) to a battery or other storage device in an electric vehicle. This use is to serve as an accessory use only.

Breaud explained that this classification was not in the zoning ordinance. Public Works Director Josh Bourgeois explained that a local store was considering placing Electric Vehicle (EV) Chargers on their property. Breaud noted that this is just a request to add the definition and zoning district uses to the zoning ordinance, and it has nothing to do with any particular requests or locations of chargers.

Breaud stated that he thinks the definition should specify that EV chargers are for public use on commercial properties only. Breaud then discussed the placement of EV chargers on residential properties, and Public Works Executive Secretary Monique Reulet explained that they are usually an outlet or panel inside of a garage. Trey Ledet questioned the placement of EV chargers along the bayouside across from Nicholls State University, and asked how this was permitted. Trey Waguespack, Public Works Assistant Director noted that the location of these chargers on the bayouside is just outside of the City limits, so any permitting would have gone through the Lafourche Parish permit office.

On motion by Ledet, seconded by Andrews, the Board voted to approve the request City Administration to amend and re-enact Article 2, Section 202 – Definitions of the City of Thibodaux's Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, with amendments, as follows:

<u>Public</u> Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station: a <u>commercial establishment</u> device that permits the transfer of electric energy (by conductive or inductive means) to a battery or other storage device in an electric vehicle. This use is to serve as an accessory use only.

....upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Breaud, Andrews, Ledet, Shanklin

NAY: None

ABSTAINED: None ABSENT: Kearns

Breaud introduced request by City Administration to amend and re-enact Article 5, Section 507, Tables 5.3 & 5.5 of the City of Thibodaux's Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To add "Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station" as Permitted in C-1, C-2, I-1, & I-2 zoning districts.

Breaud noted to revise the definition name to add "Public" in front. Trey Ledet discussed the possibility of EV chargers being added to Nicholls State University. The Board members discussed the zoning district for Nicholls State University being "Campus" and what other areas of town had this zoning district. Reulet stated the hospital is in a Campus zone. Ledet discusses adding this use as permitted in Campus zones.

On motion by Shanklin, seconded by Ledet, the Board voted to approve the request by City Administration to amend and re-enact Article 5, Section 507, Tables 5.3, 5.5 & <u>5.7</u> of the City of Thibodaux's Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, with amendments, as follows:

To add "Public Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station" as Permitted in C-1, C-2, I-1, I-2 & C zoning districts.

....upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Breaud, Andrews, Ledet, Shanklin

NAY: None ABSTAINED: None ABSENT: Kearns

In other business, Trey Waguespack stepped forward to speak on a matter that was brought to his attention by a City Councilperson. The Councilperson questioned the Special Exception application process and asked if land owners should be required to apply on behalf of their tenants, or if they should at least be required to be notified. Breaud suggested that if the landowner is not the applicant, then perhaps the tenant could be required to provide an affidavit stating that the land owner is aware of the request and approves of the tenant's proposed use. Reulet stated that she can draft a form to include with the application if needed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.