

ORDINANCE 2025-1

**TO AMEND, SUPPLEMENT and RE-ENACT
ARTICLE II, SECTION 6-21 of the CITY of BAKER
CODE of ORDINANCES and to PROVIDE for OTHER
MATTERS RELATIVE to the SAME**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL of the City of Baker, Parish of East Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in regular session assembled, a proper quorum being there and then assembled on the 11th day of February, 2025, it is hereby declared that **ARTICLE II, SECTION 6-21 of the Baker Code of Ordinances shall be Amended, Supplemented and Re-Enacted as follows, to-wit:**

SECTION 1:

Sec. 6-21. Procedures for business permits.

Before a business permit to conduct business within the City can be issued the following steps and procedures must be followed in the sequence below stated:

- (1) The prospective business owner(s) shall make application with the City of Baker Mayor's Office and must provide a detailed and recorded and/or written statement describing the nature and purpose of the business and where it will be physically located within the city; said application shall be presented in due course by the Mayor's Office for coordination to the Planning and Zoning Commission.*
- (2) The prospective business owner(s) will be given by the Mayor's Office a written copy of the steps for applying for a business permit, which must include written instructions on how and when the application will be placed on the agenda of a regular meeting of the Baker City Planning and Zoning Commission.*
- (3) If the Baker Planning and Zoning Commission grants a written favorable recommendation by a simple majority vote recommending that the business permit applied for be issued, confirmation of the same shall be reported and provided to the Baker City Finance Department. If an unfavorable recommendation is decided by a simple majority vote, the same shall be reported and provided to the Baker City Finance Department.*
- (4) If and once the Baker Planning and Zoning Commission reports and provides a written favorable recommendation to the Baker Finance Department that the business permit being applied for be issued, the Baker Finance Department may grant and issue the applied for business permit on behalf of the City of Baker forthwith.*
- (5) At each council meeting, a list of new business permits that were issued will be placed on the council meeting agenda under Recognitions; the list will include the business name, checklist, and location of the business*

SECTION 2:

All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith and the same are hereby repealed.

All Ordinances not in conflict herewith and not affected by the amendment hereinabove set forth are hereby maintained in full force and effect as if re-enacted herein.

The Repeal of an Ordinance shall not effect any punishment or penalty incurred before the repeal took effect, or any suit, prosecution or proceedings pending at the time of the repeal, for an offense committed under the Ordinance repealed.

SECTION 3: SEVERABILITY

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, or sections of this Ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this Ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrases, clauses, sentence, paragraph or section. If the provisions of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, fact, situation or circumstance are held invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance and the application of such provisions to the other persons, facts, situations or circumstances, shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 4: INVALIDATION

If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or applications and, to that end, any and all provisions of this ordinance and applications thereof are declared to be severable.

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

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Young

NAYS: Vincent

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

And the Ordinance was presented January 28, 2025, at the regular meeting of the Baker City Council held at the City Hall Building in Baker, Louisiana.

And the Ordinance was declared adopted on this, the 11th day of February, 2025 at the regular meeting of the Baker City Council held at the Baker City Hall Building in Baker, Louisiana.

ATTEST:

/s/Angela Canady Wall, LCMC, Clerk of Council

/s/Darnell Waites, Mayor