

ORDINANCE NO. 6618 OF 2026

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND AND THE OIL AND GAS FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,800,000 TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT EQUIPMENT TO SUPPORT SHREVEPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE PURCHASE OF UP TO 40 TAKE HOME POLICE VEHICLES AND ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT FOR THEIR USE AND OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO:

WHEREAS Shreveport Police Department is short staffed by 165 police officers, and

WHEREAS starting patrol officer pay for Shreveport Police Officers is currently and historically the lowest of any municipality in our region, and

WHEREAS police presence is a major deterrent to criminal activity and significantly improves public confidence in personal safety, security of property, and public order, and

WHEREAS, Take Home Police vehicles, increase the visible police presence within Shreveport neighborhoods more than “pool vehicles”, while also increasing police department morale, and

WHEREAS Take Home Police vehicles increase efficiency of police operations by reducing difficulties of vehicle allocation to officers on each shift, and

WHEREAS Take Home Vehicles have an expected useful life of eight to ten years rather than the expected useful life of two to three years of pool vehicles, and

WHEREAS the Citizens of Shreveport constitute over Seventy-Eight percent of the citizens of Caddo Parish, and therefore a majority of the tax base of Caddo Parish, and

WHEREAS there are limited ways through which Caddo Parish can support the needs of the City and Citizens of Shreveport, as determined by state law and the respective Charters of Caddo Parish and the City of Shreveport, and

WHEREAS Caddo Parish and the City of Shreveport successfully entered into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for the purchase and deployment of SPD police vehicles by Caddo Parish in 2016,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that the Caddo Parish Commission in due and regular session does approve the purchase of up to forty police vehicles at the approximate cost of \$70,000 per vehicle and further to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement to deploy such vehicles as Take Home Vehicles for SPD officers living within the City of Shreveport, with such vehicles marked unobtrusively with the seal of Caddo Parish and the return of such vehicles identified by Vehicle Identification Number to Caddo Parish at the end of their useful life, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Oil and Gas Fund and the Capital Outlay Fund for the year 2026 are hereby amended as follows:

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
<u>Oil & Gas Fund</u>	
Transfer to Capital Outlay Fund	\$2,800,000
<u>Capital Outlay Fund</u>	
Law Enforcement Equipment	\$2,800,000
Transfer from Oil and Gas Fund	\$2,800,000

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that Caddo Parish logos will be installed on each vehicle and the vehicles be returned once retired to the Parish of Caddo.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the agencies will be required to submit periodic reports on the use of these funds.

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