

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF GRAMERCY
DECEMBER 8, 2025**

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE NO. 779-2025 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 50 OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS, ARTICLE V SALES, DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS, SECTION 50-125 PROHIBITED

Shelly Warren asked if Juneteenth could be added to the ordinance. Mayor Bourgeois stated that a resolution could be voted on for the Juneteenth Holiday if needed. A motion to close the public hearing was made by Alderman Calcagno, seconded by Alderman Wiggins, and passed unanimously.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, met in regular session on Monday, December 8, 2025, at 6:00 pm at the Gramercy Town Hall:

Mayor Bourgeois called the meeting to order and asked the clerk to call roll:

There were present: Mayor Steven Bourgeois, Alderman Craig Calcagno, Alderman Theron Louque, Alderman Clyde Wiggins, and Alderman Percy Williams.

There were absent: Alderman Darren Brack

There were also present: Police Chief Dustin Jenkins, Town Attorney Robert Fauchaux, Jr., and Town Clerk Amy St. Pierre.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Shelly Warren asked if the Mayor could give an update on the water system. Mayor Bourgeois stated he will give an update in his Mayor's report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Alderman Wiggins, seconded by Alderman Louque, and approved to adopt the minutes from the regular meeting held on November 10, 2025.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Alderman Wiggins, seconded by Alderman Williams, and approved to pay all bills and accept financial statements presented before the Council.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Mr. Fauchaux stated that a motion has been set for December 16, 2025, concerning Gramercy vs. Charles Martin. He last heard from Mr. Martin's attorney, Mr. Sammy Accordo, that they would submit plans for renovations to the building, but none have been turned in to the town hall as of this date. The hearing for Gramercy vs. Nassar is set for January 15, 2026. A demolition lien for the property at 267 S. Oak Street has been filed.

REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE

Police Chief Jenkins passed out the department's monthly report. Chief Jenkins reported that he has been working with the St. James Parish Sheriff's Office and the Lutchet Police Department in preparation for the Christmas Eve bonfire lighting. He attended the Christmas Stroll Down Main Street on Sunday, and they had a good turnout for the event.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Newly appointed Code Enforcement Officer Chad Weidert introduced himself to the Board and gave them his contact information.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Commission Chairman Alex Gerhold corrected the meeting minutes of December 1, 2025, to reflect Mr. Martin Frisard in attendance. Mr. Singh presented his plans to establish an RV Park at 710 E Airline Highway in Gramercy. The Commission informed Mr. Singh that there was a moratorium on allowing recreational vehicles in town for 180 days. The Commission would take up Mr. Singh's request if the moratorium is lifted or has expired.

ST. JAMES PARISH GOVERNMENT

St. James District 1 Councilman Todd Poche spoke with DOTD about road patch work that is needed in Gramercy. During the recent rain event, he checked the canals cleaned by the Parish, and there were no back-ups to report.

ALDERMEN'S REPORT

Alderman Clyde Wiggins reported that grass needed to be cut on S Airline Avenue, S. Oak Street, and S. Millet Street. He asked that the litter on the side of E Railroad Avenue be cleaned again. Entergy has repaired several streetlights in town. He thanked Alderman Calcagno for his assistance with reporting streetlight outages. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Alderman Craig Calcagno passed out his monthly report. Alderman Calcagno stated that he attended the Planning Commission meeting and was able to see the presentation Mr. Singh has for the proposed RV Park at 710 E Airline Highway. He welcomed Chad Weidert. He reported two addresses that had work being done that were not properly permitted. He asked if the Town received tax dollars from online sales. Mayor Bourgeois stated that we do receive this money, and it is in our monthly sales tax revenue received from the Sales Tax Collector's office. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Alderman Percy Williams received a call about high grass behind the Union Hall. Mayor Bourgeois said he will contact the owners about cutting the grass. There is an abandoned car on S. Mulberry Street that needs to be tagged/removed. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Alderman Louque thanked the maintenance crew for continuing the installation of auto meter readers in town. He asked Mayor Bourgeois if the contractor working on the streetlight pole behind Taylor's will return. Mayor Bourgeois said he would contact him about finishing the work. The road work behind Taylor's is not complete.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bourgeois reported that the latest disinfectant by-product samples came back within the state's acceptable range. We will continue to work with Advanced Treatment Solutions to review and update our operations. He received two quotes for the water intake inspection and cleaning. One is for \$30,000.00 for both the inspection and cleaning; the second was for \$9,635.00, however, it was for the inspection only, meaning there would be additional costs for the cleaning.

ORDINANCE – FINAL ACTION

ORDINANCE NO. 779-2025

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 50 OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS, ARTICLE V SALES, DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS, SECTION 50-125 PROHIBITED

WHEREAS, An Ordinance of the Town of Gramercy, Code of Ordinances, Chapter 62 Solid Waste, Section 62-3 Containers currently reads as;

Sec. 50-125 Prohibited

It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, offer for sale, exchange, barter or in any other manner dispose of, use, fire, shoot, discharge or set fireworks of any make.

Amended to Read as Follows:

Sec. 50-125 Prohibited

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, offer for sale, exchange, barter, or in any other manner dispose of, use, shoot, discharge, or set fireworks of any make.
2. Exceptions. Absent of a prohibition of burning issued by a State, Parish, or Municipal governing authority, the discharge of fireworks shall be allowed during the periods
 - a. From 04:00 pm December 24, until 12:30 am December 25th.
 - b. From 04:00 pm December 31, until 12:30 am January 1st.
 - c. From 04:00 pm July 4th, until 10:30 pm July 4th.
 - d. Should the annual lighting of the bonfires occur on any day other than December 24th, then the discharge of fireworks shall be allowed from 04:00 pm on the designated lighting day until 12:30 am the following day.

Said Ordinance having been introduced on Monday, November 10, 2025, notice of public hearing having been published on Thursday, November 20, 2025, said public hearing and public meeting held on Monday, December 8, 2025 at 6:00 pm, the title having been read and the Ordinance considered, on motion by Alderman Louque, second by Alderman Wiggins to adopt the Ordinance, a record was taken and the following result was held.

YEAS:	Louque, Wiggins, Williams, Calcagno
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Brack
ABSTAIN:	None

And the ordinance was declared adopted on this, the 8th day of December, 2025.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 26-2025

A RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE I, SECTION 6-1 OPEN CONTAINERS

WHEREAS the Town of Gramercy shall celebrate the holidays of Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day.

WHEREAS, in prior years, the Town of Gramercy has provided for the suspension of the Town of Gramercy Ordinance Chapter 6, Article 1, Section 6-1 (Open Containers) during the Christmas and New Year Holidays.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN, TOWN OF GRAMERCY, LOUISIANA, THAT:

SECTION 1: The Mayor and Board of Alderman approve the suspension of Chapter 6, Article 1, Section 6-1 (Open Containers) of the Town of Gramercy Code of Ordinances, and enforcement shall be suspended from 04:00 pm December 24, 2025 until 06:00 am December 25, 2025 and from 10:00 pm December 31, 2025 until 02:00 am January 1, 2026. Should the annual lighting of the bonfires occur on any day other than December 24th, 2025, then the suspension of Chapter 6, Article 1, Section 6-1 (Open Containers) of the Town of Gramercy Code of Ordinances shall apply to that date, suspended from 04:00 pm on the designated lighting day until 06:00 am the following day.

A motion to adopt the above resolution was made by Alderman Wiggins, seconded by Alderman Calcagno, and resulted in the following vote:

YEAS:	Calcagno, Louque, Wiggins, Williams
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Brack
ABSTAIN:	None

And the resolution was declared adopted on the 8TH day of December, 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 27-2025

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FOR THE THIRD STREET ASPHALT OVERLAY

WHEREAS, the Town of Gramercy has identified that Third Street needs to be overlaid.

WHEREAS, the Town of Gramercy has solicited proposals from qualified contractors to perform this work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN, TOWN OF GRAMERCY, LOUISIANA, THAT:

SECTION 1. The Board of Aldermen hereby approves the selection of Dub Johnson Paving Contractor, Inc., 17626 Jefferson Hwy, Baton Rouge, LA, for Third Street improvements, at a price not to exceed Fifty-Eight Thousand Fifty Dollars and no cents. (\$58,050.00).

SECTION 2. Steven J. Bourgeois, Mayor, is hereby authorized to execute applicable contract documents with Dub Johnson Paving Contractor, Inc. for this work and to make payment upon satisfactory execution of the work.

A motion to adopt the above resolution was made by Alderman Williams, seconded by Alderman Louque, and resulted in the following vote:

YEAS:	Calcagno, Louque, Wiggins, Williams
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Brack
ABSTAIN:	None

And the resolution was declared adopted on the 8th day of December, 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 28-2025

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND STAFF HOLIDAYS

WHEREAS, the Town of Gramercy observes certain holidays to provide staff time to celebrate these holidays and the surrounding days; and

WHEREAS, the board wishes to update its schedule to reflect additional days the Town will be closed to provide the staff with time to observe holidays.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY, LOUISIANA, AS FOLLOWS:

It is ordered by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to recognize Friday, December 26, 2025, as a paid holiday for all full-time town employees, in accordance with Governor Landry's proclamation dated November 14, 2025.

A motion to adopt the above resolution was made by Alderman Wiggins, seconded by Alderman Williams, and resulted in the following vote:

YEAS:	Calcagno, Louque, Wiggins, Williams
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Brack
ABSTAIN:	None

And the resolution was declared adopted on the 8TH day of December, 2025.

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Wiggins, seconded by Alderman Calcagno, and approved to adjourn at 6:31 pm.

/s/ Steven J. Bourgeois, Mayor

Attest: /s/ Amy St. Pierre, Town Clerk