



**CITY OF HAMMOND**  
**ORDINANCE No. \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE CLEARING OF RIGHT-OF-WAYS.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined based upon the experiences of residents of the City that trees located in City right of ways pose a danger to people, electricity lines, access, and structures, specifically including, but not limited to during emergency situations such as following hurricanes, ice storms, streets, and other sever weather occurrences; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council recognizes that following Hurricane Ida emergency responses were delayed due to the necessity of extensive tree clearing and removal required to obtain access; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council recognizes that trees fallen into creeks, canals, ditches, and other drainage is slowing drainage and increasing the risk of flooding within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council recognizes that following Hurricane Ida residents ability to evacuate was delayed due to the necessity of extensive tree clearing and removal required to exit; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council recognizes that following Hurricane Ida fallen trees increased power outages, delayed restoration of power, and increased the costs passed on to residence of restoring power within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council recognizes clearing trees from public right of ways prior to emergency situations reduces the costs of tree clearing and remove, decreases the potential for power outages, access obstructions, and damage and expense to property; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council recognizes that it is in the public interest to clear trees from right of ways prior to emergency situations for public health, safety, and preservation of life and property.

**THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:**

1. That the City shall remove any and all trees within any public right of way when requested by the property owner or adjacent property owner.

2. That to facilitate the efficient implementation of this Ordinance the City shall create an email address [rightofwayclearing@hammond.org](mailto:rightofwayclearing@hammond.org) which shall be listed on the City website and forward emails to the Direct of the Streets Department and the Administrative Assistant thereof.
3. To further facilitate the efficient implementation of this Ordinance the City shall maintain a current and up to date list of pending requests available for inspection at all times during normal City business hours at the front desk of the Streets Department.

The above and foregoing ordinance having being duly submitted to the Hammond City Council in writing; introduced at a public meeting on \_\_\_\_\_ of the Hammond City Council and discussed at a public meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_; after motion and second was submitted to the official vote of the Hammond City Council.

On motion by Councilman \_\_\_\_\_ and Second by Councilman \_\_\_\_\_ the foregoing ordinance was hereby declared adopted on \_\_\_\_\_ by the following roll call vote: