



**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2025 AT 6PM  
ABITA SPRINGS TOWN HALL  
22161 LEVEL ST., ABITA SPRINGS, LA 70420**

Posted: September 22, 2025, 1pm

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Pro Tem Patterson  
**INVOCATION:** Alderman Boudreaux  
**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Alderman Contois

**MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:** 1.) TRUCK AND TRACTOR SHOWCASE 2.) OPRY 3.) UPDATE ON MAYOR CURTIS

**ROLL CALL:**  
Call for Agenda Modifications  
Accept August 19, 2025, Town Council Meeting Minutes  
July 2025 Financial Report

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1.) CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION (DRAFTED BY ALDERMAN BOUDREAUX) SEEKING INJUNCTIVE RELIEF TO PREVENT LONGBRANCH RECOVERY CENTER FROM ALLOWING OCCUPANCY UNTIL IT IS CONNECTED TO THE ABITA SPRINGS SEWER SYSTEM
- 2.) DISCUSSION/INTRODUCTION INSTRUMENT 2025-09-002, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 551 AN OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025.

**OLD BUSINESS:**  
NONE

**OPEN/ADJOURNMENT:**

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF YOU NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT US AT (985) 892-0711. PLEASE CONTACT TOWN HALL AT THE SAME NUMBER FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THIS AGENDA.



A Resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Abita Springs

Seeking Injunctive Relief to prevent Longbranch Recovery Center from allowing occupancy until it is connected to the Abita Springs Sewer System

Whereas: new construction in the town limits was able to use parcel size dimensions added in section 3-504(B) using Ordinance#522 dated 7/20/2021 to construct a new addition and

Whereas: the development did not follow the correct process to approve the use of an individual sewer system since the reference in 3-506(B)(3) only allows for unreasonable financial hardship , then the criteria in 1 through 5 may be used and

Whereas: the system will discharge into the Abita River and

Whereas: individual sewer systems are known to discharge 5 times more TTS (total dissolved solids) than sewer plants and

Whereas: inspection of individual is lacking within the Parish of St tammany therefore,

Be it resolved the the Town Attorney be requested to file for Injunctive Relief with the 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Court until the Longbranch Recovery Center is able to attach to the system already present on the property.

This Resolution \_\_\_\_\_ was introduced by Alderman Boudreaux.

This resolution was adopted on a motion of ----- seconded by-----on this ---- day of ----- 2025.

Vote was:

Yeas:

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain:

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### **Sec. 3-503. Adoption of State Sanitary Code.**

The Town of Abita Springs hereby adopts for implementation and enforcement Chapter 5 of Part XIII of Title 51 of the Louisiana Administrative Code, as it may be amended, less and except Section 511, Paragraph B(1).

(Ord. No. 475, 12-20-2016)

Editor's note(s)—Ord. No. 475, adopted December 20, 2016, amended § 3-503 in its entirety to read as herein set out. Former § 3-503 pertained to penalties for violations.

### **Sec. 3-504. Community sewerage system required.**

- A. Municipal sewerage shall be provided in subdivisions comprised of 15 lots or more. This requirement shall apply to all new subdivision developments.

The use of individual on-site sewage disposal systems in lieu of a municipal sewerage service may be authorized and will be considered under the following circumstances:

In subdivisions comprised of less than 15 lots with a minimum lot size of two acres or greater and a minimum frontage of 125 feet, when the developer submits a comprehensive drainage plan, as well as a proposal for restrictive covenants which detail requirements for perpetual maintenance of drainage. Whenever the average lot size of a proposed subdivision is greater than five acres, the Town of Abita Springs may waive the requirement for a community sewerage system upon demonstration by the developer that the implementation of such provisions would prove to be a manifestly unreasonable financial hardship.

- B. For individual lots where the Town of Abita Springs has waived the requirement to connect to a community sewerage system as provided by section 3-506(B)(3), use of individual on-site sewage disposal systems may be approved when the lots or sites in question meet any of the following criteria:
1. Minimum area of 22,500 square feet, and a minimum frontage of 80 feet.
  2. Minimum area of 16,000 square feet and a minimum frontage of 80 feet where an approved individual mechanical plant is to be utilized;
  3. Minimum area of 12,000 square feet and a minimum frontage of 60 feet where an approved individual mechanical plant is utilized and is followed by 50 feet of modified absorption field.
  4. Where lots of "record" (i.e., lots created by formal subdivision prior to July 28, 1967) are combined (in accord with the definition of a subdivision) to create a new, larger, single lot, and no re-subdivision of the property is involved. On July 20, 2002 and thereafter, in no case shall the newly created lots have less than 50 feet of frontage or be less than 5,000 square feet in area.
  5. For individual lots remaining in substantially developed, previously established subdivisions, no minimum area is required provided the state health officer determines that a hazard to public health will not result.

(Ord. No. 475, 12-20-2016; Ord. No. 522, 7-20-2021)

Editor's note(s)—Ord. No. 475, adopted December 20, 2016, amended § 3-504 in its entirety to read as herein set out. Former § 3-504 pertained to enforcement.

### **Sec. 3-505. Authority of the Town of Abita Springs.**

The Town of Abita Springs, in order to monitor the operation of any individual, public, profit, nonprofit, or not-for-profit sewerage system located in the Town of Abita Springs, may enter upon the premises of any such

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sewerage system at a reasonable time and in a reasonable manner for the purpose of inspecting any such sewerage system in order to determine that the operation of the sewerage system is conducted in accordance or compliance with applicable law. The responsible person for the property upon which the inspection is conducted, by reason of his/her/its operation of the sewerage system to be inspected, implicitly consents to the entrance of the said authorized employee or agent upon the property, and same shall not be deemed a trespass.

(Ord. No. 475, 12-20-2016)

### **Sec. 3-506. Required facilities; connection to sewerage system.**

- A. All new or existing premises, public or private, where people live, work, or congregate shall be provided with approved toilet facilities, including hand washing facilities. Such plumbing facilities shall be properly connected to a municipal sewerage system, whenever available, or to an individual on-site sewage disposal system which is specifically approved for the premises by the state health officer or his duly authorized representative after determining that the installation and operation of an individual on-site sewage disposal system will not create a nuisance or public health hazard. It shall be the duty of the owner, manager or agent of any occupied premises, public or private, where people live, work or congregate to provide the premises with an approved method of sewage disposal in compliance with the requirements of this article.
- B. (1) Whenever the Town of Abita Springs determines that any building or structure to be constructed is in proximity to the sewage collection or treatment facility of a qualified community sewerage system, said building or structure shall be required to connect thereto. When a qualified community sewerage system is available, and there is an approved public water supply with adequate water capacity, all plumbing fixtures within any building or structure shall be connected to such approved public water supply and community sewerage system.
- (2) For the purposes of this section, a "qualified community sewerage system" is a community sewerage system: 1) which has the actual and/or anticipated capacity which will be required to realize the peak sewage demand of the subject building or structure, and 2) the operation and maintenance of which in accordance and compliance with all regulatory requirements; all as determined by the Town of Abita Springs.
- (3) The Town of Abita Springs, at the time of its consideration of the issuance of the building permit for the subject building or structure, may waive the requirement in subsection B(1) upon the showing by the applicant that the implementation of the provisions of said subsection would prove to be a manifestly unreasonable financial hardship. In no event, however, shall a certificate of occupancy be issued or shall any other such final action on the subject building permit occur unless and until an individual on-site sewage disposal system has been specifically approved for the premises by the state health officer, or his duly authorized representative.
- C. (1) Prior to the issuance of a sewerage system inspection permit for any non-residential mobile home, permanent building or structure, the Town of Abita Springs shall inspect the premises to determine if the plumbing fixtures are properly connected to a permitted individual on-site sewage disposal system. The Town of Abita Springs shall inspect individual on-site sewage disposal systems to determine that said systems are not causing an apparent health or environmental problem prior to the issuance of any sewerage system inspection permit for the connection or transfer of electrical power service. In no event, however, shall a sewerage system inspection permit be issued or shall any other such final action occur unless and until an individual on-site sewage disposal system has been specifically approved for the premises by the state health officer or his duly authorized representative.
- (2) Prior to the issuance of a sewerage system inspection permit for any residential mobile home, permanent building or structure, the Town of Abita Springs shall inspect the premises to determine if the plumbing fixtures are properly connected to an individual on-site sewage disposal system. The

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Town of Abita Springs shall inspect individual on-site sewage disposal systems to determine that said systems are not causing an apparent health or environmental problem prior to the issuance of any sewerage system inspection permit for the connection or transfer of electrical power service.

(Ord. No. 475, 12-20-2016)



**Instrument 2025-09-002**

1 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 551 AN OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUE AND  
2 EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025.  
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4 NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Abita  
5 Springs, State of Louisiana, in general session convened that Ordinance No. 551 lines 29 through lines 77 are  
6 deleted and amended to read as follows:  
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8	<b>Section V. – General Fund Revenue</b>	<b>2025 Budget</b>	<b>Amended 2025 Budget</b>
9	Ad Valorem Tax Revenues	NA	215,000.00
10	Tax & License Revenue	NA	656,886.00
11	Other Revenues	NA	87,817.00
12	Dedicated Public Safety & Judicial Revenue & Citations	NA	393,000.00
13	Dedicated Grant Revenue	NA	793,997.00
14	<b>Total General Fund Revenues</b>	<b>\$2,234,397.34</b>	<b>\$2,146,700.00</b>
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16	<b>Section VI. – General Fund Expenditures</b>		
17	General Government Operations	NA	599,365.00
18	Professional & Contracted Services	NA	210,050.00
19	Building Maintenance & Events Expenditures	NA	74,371.00
20	Public Safety & Judicial Expenditures	NA	393,000.00
21	Dedicated Grant Expenditures	NA	869,914.00
22	<b>Total General Fund Expenditures</b>	<b>\$2,234,397.34</b>	<b>\$2,146,700.00</b>
23			
24	<b>Section VII. - Utility Fund Revenue</b>		
25	Operating Revenue	2,535,043.00	
26	Operating Revenue - Gas Sales	NA	750,750.00
27	Operating Revenue - Water & Sewer Sales	NA	1,078,900.00
28	Operating Revenue -Garbage	NA	424,640.00
29	Operating Revenue -Other Fees & Revenues	NA	152,510.00
30	Dedicated Revenue for Capital Projects	\$6,230,000.00	6,230,000.00
31	<b>Total Utility Fund Revenue</b>	<b>\$8,765,043.00</b>	<b>\$8,636,800.00</b>
32			
33	<b>Section VIII. - Utility Fund Expenditures</b>		
34	Operating Expenditures	2,702,485.65	
35	Operating Expenditures - Gas Expenditures	NA	684,250.00
36	Operating Expenditures - Water & Sewer Expenditures	NA	956,060.00
37	Operating Expenditures - Garbage Expenditures	NA	396,500.00
38	Operating Expenditures - Operating Expenditures	NA	369,990.00
39	Capital Improvement Project Expenditures	6,062,557.35	6,230,000.00
40	<b>Total Utility Fund Expenditures</b>	<b>\$8,765,043.00</b>	<b>\$8,636,800.00</b>
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42	<b>Section IX. - Cemetery Revenue</b>		
43	Cemetery Plot Sales Revenue	NA	21,600.00
44	Cemetery Interest Income	NA	10,500.00
45	<b>Total Cemetery Fund Revenue</b>	<b>\$31,000.00</b>	<b>\$32,100.00</b>
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47	<b>Section X. - Cemetery Operating Expenditures</b>		
48	Cemetery Operating Expenditures	\$31,000.00	\$31,000.00
49	<b>Total Cemetery Fund Expenditures</b>	<b>\$31,000.00</b>	<b>\$31,000.00</b>

	2025 Budget	Amended 2025 Budget
50	<b>Section XI.- Debt Service Fund Revenue</b>	
51	NA	140,000.00
52	NA	8,000.00
53	<b>\$144,000.00</b>	<b>\$148,000.00</b>
54		
55	<b>Section XII. – Debt Service Fund Expenditures</b>	
56	NA	45,537.50
57	NA	73,430.00
58	<b>\$45,537.50</b>	<b>\$118,967.50</b>
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60	<b>Section XIII. – Park &amp; Recreation Fund Revenue</b>	
61	NA	67,152.00
62	NA	19,500.00
63	NA	53,200.00
64	NA	150,000.00
65	<b>\$330,450.00</b>	<b>\$289,852.00</b>
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67	<b>Section XIV. Park &amp; Recreation Fund Expenditures</b>	
68	NA	120,352.00
69	NA	19,500.00
70	NA	150,000.00
71	<b>\$330,450.00</b>	<b>\$289,852.00</b>
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73	<b>Section XV. - Public Works Revenue</b>	
74	652,130.00	703,300.00
75	425,000.00	391,450.00
76	29,000.00	29,190.00
77	<b>\$1,106,130.00</b>	<b>\$1,123,940.00</b>
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79	<b>Section XVI. - Public Works Expenditures</b>	
80	NA	499,854.00
81	NA	587,836.00
82	NA	36,250.00
83	<b>\$1,106,130.00</b>	<b>\$1,123,940.00</b>
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86	<b>BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED</b> , in all other respects Ordinance No. 551 remains in full force and effect.	
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88	Introduced on a motion of _____ and seconded by _____, on the _____	
89	day of _____, 2025.	
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91	Adoption on a motion of _____ and seconded by _____, adopted on the	
92	_____ day of _____, 2025.	
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94	<b>The vote was:</b>	
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96	YEAS:	
97	NAYS:	
98	ABSTENTIONS:	
99	ABSENT:	
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103	_____ Leanne Schaefer, Town Clerk	_____ Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor
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DANIEL J. CURTIS, MAYOR

ORDINANCE #551

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET OF  
REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING  
JANUARY 1, 2025, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Abita Springs, State of Louisiana, in general session convened that:

Section I. The attached estimate of revenues for the year beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2025, is hereby adopted to serve as an operating budget of revenues for the Town of Abita Springs during the same period.

Section II. The attached estimates of the expenditures for the year beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2025, is hereby adopted to serve as a budget of expenditures for the Town of Abita Springs during the same period.

Section III. The adoption of this operating budget of expenditures be and this hereby is adopted to operate as an appropriation of the amount therein set forth within the terms of the budget classification.

Section IV. The Mayor may authorize transfers between line items of expenditures within the function or department, provided that such transfers shall not exceed 5% of the total department budget. Budget adjustments of 5% shall only be authorized by the Mayor and the Council.

Section V.	2025
General Fund Operating Revenue	<u>\$2,234,397.34</u>
Total General Fund Revenue	\$2,234,397.34

Section VI.	
General Fund Operating Expenditures	<u>\$ 2,234,397.34</u>
Total General Fund Expenditures	\$ 2,234,397.34

Section VII.	
Utility Fund Operating Revenue	\$ 2,535,043.00
Utility Fund Water Sector Project Revenue	<u>\$ 6,230,000.00</u>
Total Utility Fund Revenue	\$ 8,765,043.00

Section VIII.	
Utility Fund Operating Expenditures	\$ 2,702,485.65
Utility Fund Water Sector Project Expenditures	<u>\$ 6,062,557.35</u>
Total Utility Fund Expenditures	\$ 8,765,043.00

Section IX.	
Cemetery Revenue	<u>\$ 31,000.00</u>
Total Cemetery Fund Revenue	\$ 31,000.00

Section X.	
Cemetery Operating Expenditures	<u>\$ 31,000.00</u>
Total Cemetery Fund Expenditures	\$ 31,000.00

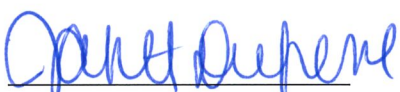
53	Section XI.	
54	Debt Service Fund Revenue	\$ <u>144,000.00</u>
55	Total Debt Service Fund Revenue	\$ 144,000.00
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57	Section XII.	
58	Debt Service Fund Expenditures	\$ <u>45,537.50</u>
59	Total Debt Service Fund Expenditures	\$ 45,537.50
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61	Section XIII.	
62	Parks & Recreation Fund Revenue	\$ <u>330,450.00</u>
63	Total Parks & Recreation Fund Revenue	\$ 330,450.00
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65	Section XIV.	
66	Parks & Recreation Fund Expenditures	\$ <u>330,450.00</u>
67	Total Parks & Recreation Fund Expenditures	\$ 330,450.00
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69	Section XV.	
70	Public Works Fund Operating Revenue	\$ 652,130.00
71	Public Works Shared Sales Tax Revenue	\$ 425,000.00
72	Public Works Street Light Ad Valorem Revenue	\$ <u>29,000.00</u>
73	Total Public Works Fund Revenue	\$ 1,106,130.00
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75	Section XVI.	
76	Public Works Fund Operating Expenditures	\$ <u>1,106,130.00</u>
77	Total Public Works Fund Expenditures	\$ 1,106,130.00
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79 **THIS ORDINANCE having been introduced by Alderman Saussy, seconded by Alderman Patterson**  
80 **on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2025.**

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82 **THIS ORDINANCE having been adopted on motion of Alderman Patterson, seconded by**  
83 **Alderman Templet. Passed and adopted at Abita Springs, Louisiana on the 15th day of April**  
84 **2025.**

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86 **The vote was:**

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88 YEAS: 3, Aldermen Contois, Patterson, and Templet  
89 NAYS: 2, Aldermen Boudreaux and Saussy  
90 ABSTENTIONS: 0  
91 ABSENT: 0

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94 Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

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96 Honorable Daniel J. Curtis,