

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF GRAMERCY
JULY 13, 2026**

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE NO. 783-2026 AN ORDINANCE LEVYING 9.65 TOTAL MILL TAX FOR THE YEAR 2026 ON ALL OF THE TAXABLE PROPERTY SITUATED WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY, LOUISIANA FOR THE GENERAL SUPPORT AND OPERATIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL FUNCTIONS OF SAID TOWN AND FOR THE PAYMENT OF INTEREST AND REDEMPTION OF BONDS FOR THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY, LOUISIANA

There were no public comments on Ordinance No. 783-2026.

A motion to close the public hearing was made by Alderman Calcagno, seconded by Alderman Brack, and was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC MEETING TO IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, met in regular session on Monday, July 13, 2026, at 6:00 pm at the Gramercy Town Hall:

Mayor Pro Tem Wiggins called the meeting to order and asked the clerk to call roll:

There were present: Alderman Darren Brack, Alderman Craig Calcagno, Alderman Clyde Wiggins

There were absent: Alderman Theron Louque, Alderman Percy Williams

There were also present: Asst. Chief Jody Ordeneaux, Town Attorney Robert Faucheux, Jr., and Town Clerk Amy St. Pierre.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Alderman Brack, seconded by Alderman Calcagno, and approved to adopt the minutes from the regular meeting held on June 8, 2026.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mayor Pro Tem Wiggins requested approval of the payment of bills. A motion was made by Alderman Brack, seconded by Alderman Calcagno, and approved to pay all bills and accept financial statements presented before the Council.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Mr. Faucheux stated that the trial date for the lawsuit against Charlie Martin is set for August 11, 2026, at 9:00 am. CJ Savoie Engineer Consulting is scheduled to perform a structural analysis on Mr. Martin's building, and they will forward a copy to us upon completion. Work completed includes the damaged roof and the fire damaged wall has been removed. Iron fencing has been installed to keep people out of the exposed area. He plans to reinforce the wall between 231 & 233 E Main Street.

REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE

Assistant Chief Ordeneaux passed out the police department's monthly report.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS – There was no report for this month.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Mr. Chad Weidert provided a monthly report for the aldermen to review.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Planning Commission Chairman Alex Gerhold reported that Craig James submitted his certified survey for the subdivision of his property on S. Airline Avenue. The commission unanimously voted to approve the plans and recommended that the Board of Aldermen also approve the subdivision. Mr. James also stated that he wants to subdivide his property at 116 S. Ezidore Street, and he will provide the Commission with a certified plan at next month's meeting. Ms. Danice Plttman requested a variance on the mobile

home age limit. Ms. Pittman presented her variance to move the mobile home, located at 250 S. Plum St., to the property located at 214 S. Plum St. Ms. Pittman obtained the signatures of the property owners located 210 S. Plum St., 218 S. Plum St., and 215 S. Hickory St. The committee requested that she obtain two additional signatures from the property owners located at 213 S. Plum St. and 217 S. Hickory St.

Alderman Percy Williams entered the meeting at 6:15 pm.

A motion to approve the re-subdivision of Mr. Craig James' property on S. Airline Avenue was made by Alderman Calcagno, seconded by Alderman Brack, and the motion passed unanimously.

ST. JAMES PARISH GOVERNMENT – There was no report for this month.

ALDERMEN'S REPORT

Alderman Brack had no report for this month

Alderman Williams received calls concerning debris from a demolished mobile home on Tulip Street. The remaining debris still has not been removed. The town mailed a letter to the owner of an abandoned vehicle. He moves it from one spot to another to try to show that it is working. There is high grass by JJ's Bar. People continue to go the wrong way on S. Mulberry Street. Asst. Chief Ordeneaux said they are monitoring the area, and more visible signs have been installed to notify people of the one-way direction.

Alderman Calcagno passed out his monthly report. He attended the July 4th celebration, and it was nice and well attended by the public. He would like to have the R1 Home Occupations and Fence Height ordinances reviewed by the Board and updated. He asked if it is possible to have a matrix to indicate the progress on ordinance violations, especially high grass and blighted properties. Please note that the qualifying dates for this year's election are August 5-7, 2026.

Alderman Wiggins reported that the town lost power three times in June. He thanked Entergy for the quick response to restoring services. S. Airline Avenue railroad track repairs should begin soon. The AC ducts need to be repaired in the maintenance lunchroom.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pro Tem Clyde Wiggins read Mayor Bourgeois' monthly report. Substantial completion of the utility relocation for the roundabout at LA 3125 has been issued. Repairs on the Ferrera Canal liner on sections that showed signs of failure have begun. We currently have two vehicles up for auction on Municibid. There are new training requirements for elected officials concerning public contracts. Training can be done online through the Louisiana Legislative Auditors. We have repaired several sinkholes in town.

ORDINANCE – FINAL ACTION

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN, TOWN OF GRAMERCY, LOUISIANA THAT:

SECTION I. that the following millage are hereby levied on the 2022 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana.

Corporation Tax	5.91 Mills
2013 Water Improvement Tax	3.74 Mills
Total	9.65 Mills

SECTION II. that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of St. James, Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for year 2026, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the tax authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

SECTION III. that this ordinance shall be published in the Official Journal according to law, and that this ordinance after first having been reduced to writing, was read and considered section by section at this public meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, acting as the governing authority thereof.

SECTION IV. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION V. If any provision or item of this ordinance of the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provision, items or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items, or applications, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby severable.

Said Ordinance having been introduced on Monday, June 8, 2026, notice of public hearing having been published on Thursday, June 25, 2026, said public hearing and public meeting held on Monday, July 13, 2026, at 6:00 pm, the title having been read and the Ordinance considered for adoption, on motion by Alderman Calcagno, second by Alderman Brack, to adopt the Ordinance, a record was taken and the following result was held.

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

And the ordinance was declared adopted on the 13th day of July, 2026.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 31-2026

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ENFORCEMENT OF COURT COSTS FOR MAYOR'S COURT OF THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY, LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy desire to delineate the Court Costs that shall be imposed in Mayor's Court of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, there are multiple Louisiana State Statutes that authorize the collection and disposition of fees and costs for Municipal Violations.

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

SECTION 1. Steven J. Bourgeois, Mayor, is hereby authorized to assess and collect the following fees and costs for Municipal Violations:

TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

General Cost for Mayor's Court (RS 33:441(A)	\$30.00
Town of Gramercy Court Cost (RS 33:447.7)	\$23.00
Public Defender's Office Cost (RS 33:441(A)(2))	\$20.00
(of which \$10.00 must be sent to District Public Defender's Office)	
DHH Head Trauma Fund (RS 46:2631)	\$ 5.00
(only applies to DWI, Reckless Operations & Speeding Violations, to be sent to DHH Head Trauma Fund)	
LA Emergency Response Network Fund	\$ 5.00
(Act 194 (2025) and Act 8 (2026)	
(only applies to Drag Racing, Reckless Operations & Speeding Violations, To be sent to LA Dept of Treasury)	
CMIS Fund	\$ 3.00
(to be sent to LA Supreme Court)	
LA Supreme Court Education Fund	\$ 2.50
(to be sent to LA Supreme Court)	
TOTAL FOR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS	up to \$88.50
(of which \$63.00 is retained by the Town)	

MISDEAMEANOR VIOLATIONS

General Cost for Mayor's Court (RS 33:441(A)	\$30.00
Town of Gramercy Court Cost (RS 33:447.7)	\$23.00
Public Defender's Office Cost (RS 33:441(A)(2))	\$20.00
(of which \$10.00 must be sent to District Public Defender's Office)	
Crime Victims Fund	\$ 7.50
(to be sent to LA Commission on Law Enforcement)	
POST Fund	\$ 2.00
(to be sent to LA Commission on Law Enforcement)	
CMIS Fund	\$ 3.00
(to be sent to LA Supreme Court)	
LA Supreme Court Education Fund	\$ 0.50
(to be sent to LA Supreme Court)	
TOTAL FOR MISDEAMEANOR VIOLATIONS	\$86.00
(of which \$63.00 is retained by the Town)	

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

YEAS:	Brack, Calcagno, Wiggins, Williams
NAYS:	None

ABSENT: Louque
ABSTAIN: None

And the resolution was declared adopted on the 13th day of July, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 32-2026

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF AN OFFICIAL JOURNAL
FOR THE YEAR JULY 1, 2026 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027**

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 43:141 requires that an official journal for the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana be selected at the beginning of every fiscal year; and,

WHEREAS, Mayor Steven J. Bourgeois, has recommended that appointment of the NEWS EXAMINER, Lutchet, Louisiana, to be the official journal of the Town of Gramercy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, that the NEWS EXAMINER, Lutchet, Louisiana, is hereby appointed the official journal of the Town of Gramercy, for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, as recommended by Mayor Steven J. Bourgeois.

The above resolution was offered by Alderman Brack, seconded by Alderman Calcagno and a vote being taken on the above resolution, the vote was as follows:

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

And the resolution was declared adopted on the 13TH day of July, 2026.

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Calcagno, seconded by Alderman Williams, and approved to adjourn at 6:41 pm.

Steven J. Bourgeois, Mayor

Attest: _____
Amy O. St. Pierre, Town Clerk