

ORDINANCE # 1 2017-13  
INTRODUCED BY 1 O. Keefe  
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**ADOPTION**

**INTRODUCTION**

**CITY OF COVINGTON  
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 2017- 13**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON  
AMENDING THE 2017 OPERATING BUDGET FOR ELECTION  
COSTS, REV. PETER ATKINS PARK BATHROOMS AND  
WATER AND SEWER RATE STUDY**

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16       **WHEREAS**, the City of Covington adopted a 2017 Budget in November  
17 2016; and

18       **WHEREAS**, a Special Election was held on March 25, 2017 to fill the  
19 vacant council at large seat; and

20       **WHEREAS**, election expenses were incurred and funds were not budgeted  
21 for election expenses; and

22       **WHEREAS**, an architect has been selected to design plans for the bathroom  
23 facility at Rev. Peter Atkins Park; and

24       **WHEREAS**, the architect's estimate of \$219,000 to construct a new ADA  
25 compliant bathroom facility exceeded the budgeted amount of \$100,000; and

26       **WHEREAS**, the estimate of \$25,207 for architect and engineering fees to  
27 design and construct a new bathroom exceeded the budgeted amount of \$20,000;  
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29       **WHEREAS**, a water and sewer rate study was conducted in 2009-2010; and

30       **WHEREAS**, the water and sewer rates that were recommended by the rate  
31 study were reduced when adopted in 2011; and

32       **WHEREAS**, the rates that were adopted did not cover the entire costs of  
33 capital expenses in the water and sewer department; and

1           **WHEREAS**, the Administration feels it is necessary to reevaluate the water  
2 and sewer rates; and

3           **WHEREAS**, funds were not budgeted to conduct a sewer and water rate  
4 study; and

5           **WHEREAS**, it is necessary to amend the 2017 Budget as follows:

6	<u>General Fund</u>	
7	Increase to Admin –Election Expense 01110030-443000	\$22,000
8	Increase to Recreation – Building 01160535-463500	\$120,000
9	Increase to Recreation – Engineering 01160535-466505	\$6,000
10	Decrease to General fund balance	\$148,000
11	50310610-441500 Water Admin - Contract Service	\$15,000
12	Decrease to Unrestricted Net Position	\$15,000

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14           **WHEREAS**, the Covington City Council has held its public hearing in  
15 accordance with law.

16           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City  
17 of Covington, Louisiana, at its regular session convened, that the 2017 Operating  
18 Budget be amended as set out above.

19           **WHEREUPON**, this ordinance having been submitted in writing, having  
20 been read by title and adopted at a public meeting of the City Council of the City  
21 of Covington, State of Louisiana, was then submitted to an official vote as a whole,  
22 the vote thereon being as follows:

23           **MOVED FOR ADOPTION** by Wright, seconded by Callahan.

24           **YEAS:** 7                   **ABSENT:** 0

25           **NAYS:** 0                   **ABSTAIN:** 0

26           **PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017.

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R.S. "SAM" O'KEEFE  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT



BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE  
COUNCIL CLERK

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Presented to the Mayor this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017, at 4:25 o'clock  
P.M.

Bonnie D. Champagne  
BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE  
COUNCIL CLERK

Approved  or Vetoed  by the Mayor on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017.

Michael B. Cooper  
MICHAEL B. COOPER  
MAYOR

Received from the Mayor on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017, at 1:25 o'clock  
P.M.

Bonnie D. Champagne  
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COUNCIL CLERK