

On motion of **Ms. Van Vrancken**, seconded by **Mr. Walker**, the following ordinance was offered:

SUMMARY NO. 26660 ORDINANCE NO. 27113

An ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of Jefferson Parish, Louisiana by adding a section, to be numbered 20-46.1, relative to prohibited activities in the Thomas F. Donelon Courthouse and entryways, and to provide for related matters.
(Parishwide)

THE JEFFERSON PARISH COUNCIL HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. That the Code of Ordinances of Jefferson Parish, Louisiana is hereby amended by adding a section, to be numbered 20-46.1 which said section reads as follows:

Sec. 20-46.1. – Prohibited activities in the Thomas F. Donelon Courthouse.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to film, broadcast, televise, record, or take photographs in the Thomas F. Donelon Courthouse. This prohibition shall apply to all areas of the courthouse and at all times, whether or not court is in session.
- (b) *Exceptions.* This section shall not apply to:
 - (1) judges and authorized personnel of the Twenty-Fourth Judicial District Court;
 - (2) department of safety and security personnel when engaged in the performance of their official duties;
 - (3) department of general services personnel and authorized parish contractors when the filming, broadcasting, recording, or photography is in connection with the performance of inspections, maintenance, repairs, or improvements to the courthouse;
 - (4) on-duty commissioned federal, state, or local law enforcement officers when engaged in the performance of their official duties;
 - (5) persons who have obtained the permission of the chief judge of the Twenty-Fourth Judicial District Court to film, broadcast, televise, record, or take photographs within the common areas of the courthouse; and
 - (6) persons who have obtained the permission of the presiding judge, commissioner, or hearing officer to film, broadcast, televise, record, or take photographs within a courtroom of the courthouse.
- (c) Any person who violates this section shall be punished as set forth in section 1-10 of this Code.

The foregoing ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

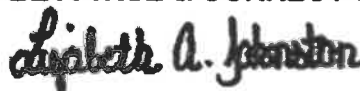
YEAS: 6

NAYS: None

ABSENT: (1) Bonano

The ordinance was declared to be adopted on this the **10th day of December, 2025**, and shall become effective as follows; if signed forthwith by the Parish President, ten (10) days after adoption, thereafter upon signature by the Parish President, or, if not signed by the Parish President, upon expiration of the time for ordinances to be considered finally adopted without the signature of the Parish President, as provided in Section 2.07 of the Charter. If vetoed by the Parish President and subsequently approved by the Council, this ordinance shall become effective on the day of such approval.

**THE FOREGOING IS CERTIFIED
TO BE A TRUE & CORRECT COPY**



**LIZABETH A. JOHNSTON
PARISH CLERK
JEFFERSON PARISH COUNCIL**