



**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
PROCLAMATION NUMBER 33 JML 2024**

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***MUNICIPALITY OF SAINT JOSEPH –  
CHANGE IN CLASSIFICATION***

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**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the Town of Saint Joseph have submitted a Resolution to the Governor requesting a change in classification of Ridgecrest from “Town” to “Village,” in accordance with R.S. 33:342;

**WHEREAS**, R.S. 33:341 describes three classes of municipal corporations: those with five thousand inhabitants or more are cities; those with less than five thousand, but more than one thousand inhabitants are towns; and those with one thousand or fewer inhabitants are villages;

**WHEREAS**, the Governor has investigated the facts, in accordance with R.S. 33:342, through the U.S. Census Bureau 2010 Census Data; and

**WHEREAS**, the results of the 2020 Decennial Census show Saint Joseph has a population of 831, a decrease from the 2010 Decennial Census which showed Saint Joseph had a population of 1,176; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the population changed as reflected by the U.S. Census Bureau, Saint Joseph is properly declared a “village” rather than a “town.”

**NOW THEREFORE, I, JEFF LANDRY**, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

Section 1: The municipal classification of the Town of Saint Joseph is hereby reclassified from “Town” to “Village”, in accordance with R.S. 33:341 and R.S. 33:342.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024.

  
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Jeff Landry  
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE

  
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Nancy Landry  
SECRETARY OF STATE