

ORDINANCE
CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

CITY HALL: June 24, 2026

CALENDAR NO. 35,483

NO. _____ MAYOR COUNCIL SERIES

BY: COUNCILMEMBER MORRELL

AN ORDINANCE to require continued use of the City's current enterprise resource planning system (BRASS) by the Orleans Parish Clerk of Court; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, Ordinance Number 30,569 M.C.S. became effective on June 1, 2026 and requires the City's criminal justice agencies to establish and implement the City's current enterprise resource planning system (BRASS) or similar contracting and procurement database approved by the City Council to provide the City Council full, itemized accounting of the agencies' personnel costs, operating costs, and contract obligations;

WHEREAS, the ordinance did not specifically name the Clerk of Criminal District Court because the Criminal Clerk was already in full compliance at that time, having previously implemented full use of BRASS;

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature recently enacted Act 15, which is intended to combine the Clerk of Criminal Court with the Clerk of Civil Court into an office now known as the Clerk of Court for Orleans Parish;

WHEREAS, the City continues to face significant budgetary issues and must reduce spending and allocate funds only where necessary;

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the Clerk of Court continue full utilization of BRASS for criminal justice operations to ensure financial transparency and accountability as any additional funding of criminal justice agencies, including the Clerk of Court, requires proportional spending cuts to other City programs and services;

WHEREAS, it is in the public's best interest that the Council continue to receive full transparency from the Clerk of Court on its expenditures and encumbrances of city money as it pertains to its criminal justice operations; **NOW THEREFORE**

1 **SECTION 1. THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS HEREBY**
2 **ORDAINS**, the Clerk of Court for Orleans Parish shall continue to utilize the City's current

enterprise resource planning system (BRASS) or similar contracting and procurement database approved by the City Council for all criminal justice operations.

SECTION 2. THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS HEREBY ORDAINS, that the Clerk of Council shall provide a certified copy of this ordinance via U.S. Mail, and the Council's Fiscal Office shall also provide an electronic copy of this ordinance, to the Clerk of Court for Orleans Parish.

ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS _____

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

DELIVERED TO THE MAYOR ON _____

APPROVED:

DISAPPROVED: _____

MAYOR

RETURNED BY THE MAYOR ON _____ **AT** _____

CLERK OF COUNCIL

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

RECUSED: