

**Washington Parish Council  
Ordinance No. 06-412**

Introduced on November 27, 2006  
Introduced by Councilman Sharp  
Public hearing held on December 11, 2006

**An ordinance of the Parish of Washington,  
State of Louisiana, relative to construction  
and building codes, to adopt certain codes,  
to provide for issuance of permits, to provide  
for enforcement, to provide for penalties for  
violations, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.**

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature by Act 12 of the First Extraordinary Session of 2005 enacted Part IV-B of Chapter 8 of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes providing for the mandatory adoption by parishes and municipalities of certain building codes;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Washington Parish Council of the Parish of Washington, Louisiana, in regular legal session convened, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ of the Washington Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby enacted to read as follows:

**Chapter \_\_\_\_\_  
Building Codes and Permits**

**Section \_\_\_ - 101 Definitions.**

- a) Washington Parish Building Official shall mean that employee or individual appointed by the Washington Parish Government to serve as the building official for Washington Parish and to serve as building codes enforcement office for Washington Parish outside of any incorporated area of the parish.

**Section \_\_\_ - 103 Adoption of State Uniform Construction Code**

Pursuant to La. R. S. 40:1730.21 et seq., the following codes are hereby adopted as the regulation governing the construction of buildings and other structures in Washington Parish. Unless specified, all standards contained in a referenced code are adopted and included for purposes of this ordinance. Unless referenced by name or letter designation, no appendix or appendices to a code is adopted.

- a) The International Building Code, 2006 Edition, as published by the International Code Council, not including Chapter 1 – Administration, Chapter 11-Accessibility, Chapter 27-Electrical, and Chapter 29-Plumbing Systems, including any standards referenced therein, but not including any appendices thereto and;
- b) The International Existing Building Code, 2006 Edition, as published by the International Code Council, including any standards referenced therein, but not including any appendices thereto and not including Chapter I-Administration;
- c) International Residential Code, 2006 edition, as published by the International Code Council, including Appendix J, Existing Buildings and Structures, but not including Parts I-Administrative, V-Mechanical, VII-Plumbing, and VIII-Electrical. IRC

R301.2.1.1 (Design Criteria) therein shall be amended as follows and shall only apply to the International Residential Code, 2006 Edition:

- 1) Item 6 of *Guide to Concrete Masonry Residential Construction in High Winds Areas*, as published by the American Concrete Institute, shall be added;
  - 2) Item 7, *Optional Code-plus Fortified for Safer Living*, as published by Institute for Business and Home Safety, shall be added; and
  - 3) Item 8, *Optional Code-plus Blueprint for Safety*, as published by Federal Alliance for Safe Homes, shall be added.
- d) International Mechanical Code, 2006 Edition, as published by the International Code Council;
  - e) Louisiana State *Plumbing Code* (part XIV (Plumbing) of the State Sanitary Code];
  - f) International Fuel Gas Code, 2006 Edition, as published by the International Code Council; and
  - g) National Electrical Code, 2005 Edition, as published by the National Fire Protection Association.

**Section \_\_\_\_ - 105 Permits**

It shall be unlawful to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy of any building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system, the installation of which is regulated by the technical codes adopted in Section -103, or to cause any such work to be done, without obtaining a properly issued permit from the Washington Parish Building Official for that work.

**Section \_\_\_\_ - 107 Application for Permit**

The permit mandated under Section \_\_\_\_ -105 shall only be issued after the owner or his designee has submitted an application for a construction permit to the Washington Parish Building Official and that official has approved the application for permit. The application shall, at a minimum, include the following information:

- a) Name, address and daytime telephone number of owner;
- b) Name, address, and daytime telephone number of any and all contractors;
- c) Location of the construction;
- d) Description of the construction, including by not limited to square footage, type of construction, intended occupancy, and whether any work will involve following types;
  - 1) Electrical,
  - 2) Concrete or masonry,
  - 3) Plumbing,
  - 4) Structural, and
  - 5) Natural gas, liquefied gas, or other gas fuel
- e) Anticipated completion of construction; and
- f) Certification, under penalty of perjury, that the construction will be done in compliance with the applicable codes and standards.

**Section 6-109 Certification of Compliance**

It shall be unlawful for any structure or other construction which is required to be permitted under Section \_\_\_\_ - 105 to be occupied, used, or otherwise put in service before the owner or his designee has filed a certificate of completion and compliance on the form provided

by the Washington Parish Building Official. The certificate of completion and compliance shall include the following information:

- a) Name, address, and daytime telephone number of owner;
- b) Name, address and daytime telephone of any and all contractors;
- c) Location of the construction;
- d) Description of the construction, including but not limited to square footage, type of construction, and intended occupancy;
- e) Date of construction; and
- f) Certification, under penalty of perjury, that the construction was done in compliance with the applicable codes and standards.

#### **Section 6-111 Enforcement of Construction Code**

The Building Official of Washington Parish may, through the Parish Attorney, seek to enjoin further construction or work which is required to be permitted under this Chapter and which construction or work does not have a validly issued permit. Further, the Building Official may seek to enjoin the occupancy or use of any building or structure which has, without compliance with this Chapter, been, in whole or in part, constructed, enlarged, altered, repaired, moved, demolished, or the occupancy changed or for which the electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system has been erected, installed, enlarged, altered, repaired, removed, converted or replaced in any fashion.

#### **Section 6-113 Building Official**

There shall be a Washington Parish Building Official who shall be the parish building code enforcement officer responsible for the administration and enforcement of the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code in the unincorporated areas of Washington Parish.

#### **Section 6-115 Penalty**

Any person, partnership, or corporation who violates any of the provisions of this chapter or aids or abets in the violation of any of the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00), nor less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each offense.

Section 2. Pursuant to La. R.S. 40:1730.25, LAC 55: VI and Washington Parish Code of Ordinances \_\_\_\_ - 113. \_\_\_\_\_ is hereby appointed and confirmed as the Building Official for Washington Parish.

Section 3. Chapter \_\_\_\_, Sections \_\_\_\_-101 through \_\_\_\_-115 and each section, subsection and provision of said Chapter thereunder, are hereby declared to be independent divisions and subdivisions and, notwithstanding any other evidence of legislative intent, it is hereby declared to be the controlling legislative intent that if any provisions of this chapter, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, the remaining sections or provisions and the application of such sections and provisions to any person or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid, shall not be affected thereby, and it is hereby declared that such sections and provisions are severable and would have been passed independently of such section or provision so known to be invalid.

Section 4. Any Parish ordinance containing any provision in conflict with any provision of this Ordinance is hereby repealed.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Washington Parish Council.

Section 6. This Ordinance was introduced by Councilman Sharp at the regular meeting of the Parish Council held on November 27, 2006 and copies of the same were provided to all members of the Parish Council and the Parish President. The title of the proposed was published once in the official journal of the Parish of Washington, which said notice shall state that the Parish Council will consider its adoption at the regular meeting of the Parish Council scheduled for December 11, 2006 at 6:00 p.m., at which time a public hearing shall be held on such ordinance. At said meeting, following the public hearing, this proposed ordinance shall be read by title and called for final passage and may be adopted by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Parish Council.

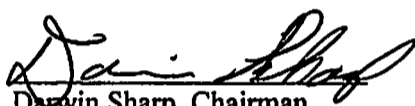
**THUS INTRODUCED** at the regular meeting of the Council of the Parish of Washington, Louisiana on November 27, 2006.

YEAS: 5 ( Miley, Nassauer, Brown, Sharp and Wheat)

NAYS: 2 (Sumrall and Thomas)

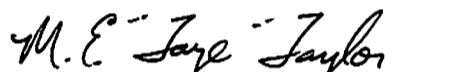
ABSENT: 0 (None)

**THUS ADOPTED** at the regular meeting of the Council of the Parish of Washington, Louisiana on December 11 2006.

  
Darwin Sharp, Chairman  
Washington Parish Council

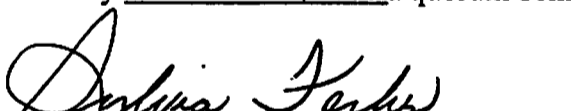
Delivered to the Parish President on  
12/12, 2006 at 10:40 A.m

Returned to the Clerk of the Council on  
12/12, 2006 at 10:45 A.m

  
M. E. "Toye" Taylor, Parish President

#### Certification

I, Sylvia Forbes, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of an ordinance adopted at the regular meeting of the Washington Parish Council held on Monday December 11, 2006 a quorum being present and voting.

  
Sylvia Forbes, Clerk of the Council