

Washington Parish Council
Ordinance No. 06- 384

Introduced: 13 March 2006
By: Councilman Darwin Sharp
Public Hearing: March 27, 2006

**An Ordinance adopting procedures for removal
and securing of dangerous structures and
maintenance of property on private lands.**

WHEREAS, the Washington Parish Government, in exercise of the police power granted to parish governing authorities pursuant to Chapter 13., Title 33 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Louisiana, and for the purpose of promoting health, safety, and the general welfare of the community, deems it necessary for the securing and/or condemnation of buildings or structures which, by reason of nature or condition endanger the public welfare or safety; and the maintenance of sanitary conditions of private property,

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that the Washington Parish Council does hereby adopt and enact the following:

1. Upon determination that a building or structure located on private property within the parish, exclusive of property located within any municipality, endangers the public welfare or safety, the Washington Parish Government may secure or cause to be secured or may condemn and cause to be demolished, removed, or both, any building or structure and may require grass cutting, weed abatement, or trash, debris, refuse, discarded or noxious matter, and garbage removal, at the expense of the property owner.

2. The Washington Parish Government shall notify the affected property owner by regular mail, granting thirty (30) days response relative to the property.

3. Upon failure to respond within thirty (30) days, the Washington Parish Government shall notify the affected property owner and any other party in interest by certified mail, granting an opportunity to be heard at public hearing.

4. Upon failure of property owner to respond or appear for public hearing, the Washington Parish Government may take action against the property owner as set forth under the Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 33, Section 4754 which may include the levying of fines, liens and privileges against the property or against the owner personally, and seizure and sale of the subject property by the parish.

5. This ordinance shall not apply to any building or appurtenances on agricultural land when such land is used for agricultural purposes.

The above having been submitted to a vote, the roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: 6 (Sumrall, Thomas, Sharp, , Miley, Nassauer and Brown)

NAY: 0 (None)

ABSENT: Wheat

The ordinance was declared adopted on the 27th day of March 2006.


Darwin Sharp, Chairman

Delivered to the Parish President on
3/28, 2006 at 2:35 pm

Returned to the Clerk of the Council on
3/28, 2006 at 2:36 pm


M. E. "Toye" Taylor, Parish President