

WASHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
ORDINANCE No. 06-377

Introduced by: Relton Sumrall

Introduced on: February 13, 2006

Public hearing date: February 27, 2006

An ordinance authorizing the Washington Parish Communications District to identify all streets, roads, highways, and dwelling places in the district which are not otherwise designated by name and number and to change existing names where necessary due to duplication; all in order to carry out the purposes of the Washington Parish Communications District.

WHEREAS parish communication districts are authorized by LSA R. S. 33:9103 *et seq.* to provide for the identification of all streets, roads, highways, and dwelling places in such districts which are not otherwise designated by name and number, and to provide for other communication enhancements which will enable law enforcement and public safety agencies to decrease response time and improve effectiveness; and

WHEREAS Washington Parish is experiencing a rapid growth in population, dwelling places, and businesses; and

WHEREAS there exists no method within Washington Parish Government to initiate addressing for dwelling places and businesses on roads which are not included on the road maintenance inventory of Washington Parish Government;

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by Washington Parish Government, through its Council duly convened as required by applicable federal and state law and regulations, that it does hereby enact the following ordinance.

SECTION 1. Authority.

- A. The Washington Parish Communications District shall be authorized to provide the appropriate five-digit number to applicants requesting a new address within Washington Parish.
- B. Where appropriate, the Washington Parish Communications District shall approve a name for any street, road, highway, or dwelling place not otherwise named.
- C. When appropriate, the Washington Parish Communications District shall provide a name for any street, road, highway, or dwelling place not otherwise named.
- D. When necessary, the Washington Parish Communications District shall change an existing road name or address numerical.

SECTION 2. Address required for each location.

- A. Every applicant for a new address must provide to the Washington Parish Communications District a road name or propose a name for any un-named street, road, highway or dwelling place not otherwise named.
- B. The property to be addressed must be contiguous to an existing named road to be addressed to that named road. Any driveway, right-of-way, or servitude which passes over an existing addressed property must be named as provided under Section 3. below.

SECTION 3. Method to provide road names.

- A. It shall be the practice of the Washington Parish Communications District to approve any new road name requested by an applicant, provided the road is not currently named, the proposed road name is not duplicative, and provided the proposed road name is not vulgar and/or would shock public

conscience.

- B. Where multiple dwellings are located on an un-named road, the Washington Parish Communications District will seek a consensus from those affected landowners. Should affected landowners not agree within thirty (30) days after request, the Washington Parish Communications District shall provide a name by which to address the effected locations.
- C. Where a current address is located on an extension of an existing named road, the word "extension" may be added to the address in order to differentiate the roads, or the Washington Parish Communications District may, at its determination, provide a new name by either means designated under Section 2. B.

SECTION 4. Application.

- A. Any person seeking a new address shall request the same at the offices of the Washington Parish Communications District.
- B. The applicant will provide a legal description, map, or plat to identify the proposed new address.
- C. There shall be no fee for application for a new address, however, the Washington Communications District reserves the right to set an appropriate fee should costs to the District for this service require such in the future.

SECTION 5. Special provisions.

- A. The Washington Parish Communications District, by exercising the authority granted under this ordinance, shall not be deemed as having created or established new streets, roads, highways, or dwelling places within Washington Parish; and further, any action taken by the Washington Parish Communications District with respect to the naming of streets, roads, highways, or dwelling places shall not be deemed as granting any status with regards to road maintenance by Washington Parish Government.
- B. The Washington Parish Government reserves unto itself the authority to grant publically requested road name changes annually as under its current practices.

The above and foregoing having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereupon resulted as follows:

YEAS: 7 (Nassauer, Brown, Thomas, Sharp, Wheat, and Miley)
NAYS: 0 (None)
ABSENT: 1 (Sumrall)


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



Darwin Sharp, Chairman
Washington Parish Council

Delivered to the Parish President on
March 1, 2006 at 9:06 A.M.

Returned to the Clerk of the Council on
March 1, 2006 at 9:07 A.M.



M. E. "Toye" Taylor, Parish President
Washington Parish Government