

Washington Parish Council  
Ordinance 05-376

Introduced on December 5, 2005  
Introduced by Councilman Sharp  
Public hearing held on December 19, 2005

An ordinance creating the  
Washington Parish Planning Commission

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Washington Parish Council duly convened in regular session as required by applicable federal and state laws and regulations, that it does hereby enact the following ordinance creating the Washington Parish Planning Commission.

**Section 1. Created.**

There is hereby created the planning commission.

**Section 2. Membership**

- (a) The parish planning commission shall consist of seven members, all to be appointed by the parish council.
- (b) Members appointed to the commission shall be appointed for terms of four years, from and after the expiration of the terms of their predecessors.
- (c) If a vacancy occurs otherwise than by expiration of the term, it shall be filled by the parish council for the unexpired term.

**Section 3. Jurisdiction.**

The planning area under the jurisdiction of the parish planning commission shall be the unincorporated area of the parish.

**Section 4. Powers and duties.**

The powers and duties of the parish planning commission shall be as provided by law, particularly as set forth in LA R.S. 33:106 et seq., except that no master plan is or shall be required as a matter of law for the unincorporated areas of the parish within the jurisdiction of the parish planning commission.

**Section 5. Acceptance of subdivisions.**

- (a) In accordance with the provisions of LA R.S. 33:101, et seq. and chapter 20.5 of this code, the parish planning commission shall approve or disapprove subdivision developments and this shall act as a final acceptance of the said

subdivision or rejection of the said subdivision except as provided herein below at subsection (b).

- (b) For good cause shown, the parish council reserves unto itself the right to grant a variance to the existing subdivision regulations. In cases where the literal requirements of the subdivision regulations would not create an undue hardship and the granting permission to depart from the literal requirements of the subdivision regulations would not create a hazardous situation nor impact the rights of adjoining property owners or the public, the parish council reserves the right to grant variances to the existing subdivision regulations.
- (c) The above and foregoing notwithstanding, all amendments, additions, deletions or changes in the parish subdivision regulations shall be adopted by ordinance of the parish council

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

YEAS: 7 (Thomas, Sharp, Wheat, Miley, Nassauer, Brown and Sumrall)

NAYS: 0 (None)

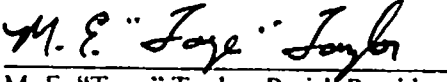
ABSENT: 0 (None)

The ordinance was declared adopted on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 2005.

  
Darwin Sharp, Chairman  
Washington Parish Council

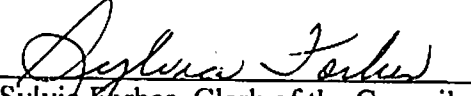
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M. E. "Toye" Taylor, Parish President  
Washington Parish Government

#### Certification

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of an ordinance adopted at a regular meeting of the Washington Parish Council held on Monday December 19, 2005 in Franklinton, Louisiana.

  
Sylvia Forbes, Clerk of the Council