

Washington Parish Council
Ordinance No. 05-356

Introduced by Councilman Chuck Nassauer
Introduced on June 27, 2005
Public hearing held on July 11, 2005

An Ordinance imposing a moratorium on the development
of new Pain management clinics in Rural Washington Parish

WHEREAS, uncontrolled access to prescriptions for pain medications may contribute to drug addiction and associated negative activity in Washington Parish; and

WHEREAS, surrounding communities have experienced adverse effects of clinics which prescribe pain medications without valid medical reasons or guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Legislature is considering the future status of pain management clinics in the State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Parish Council desires to study the issue of pain management clinics with regard to possible regulations thereof; and

WHEREAS, many professional and ethical healthcare providers are already available in Washington Parish to provide safe and effective pain management; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bogalusa has already considered a similar ordinance;

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that a moratorium is hereby imposed prohibiting the development, construction, or opening of any business such as pain management clinics, pain, clinics, pain centers, pain rehabilitation centers or any similar facility in Washington Parish outside of the municipalities.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that businesses in the nature of pain management clinics which are currently and validly operating within Washington Parish are not subject to this moratorium except that transfer of ownership of businesses shall be prohibited during the existence of this moratorium.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any and all ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

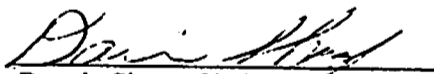
The forgoing having been submitted for vote, the roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

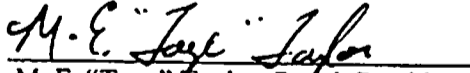
NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 0 (None)

And the ordinance was declared adopted on the 11th day of July 2005.


Darwin Sharp, Chairman
Washington Parish Council

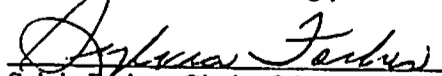
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7/13/05, 2005 at 9:45 AM


M. E. "Toye" Taylor, Parish President

Returned to the Clerk of the Council on
7/13/05, 2005 at 9:47 AM

Certification

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of an ordinance adopted by the Washington Parish Council, duly convened in regular session on Monday July 11, 2005 in Franklinton, Louisiana, a quorum being present and voting.


Sylvia Forbes, Clerk of the Council