

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINANCE No. 19-658

Introduced on December 2, 2019

Introduced by Chris Workman

Public hearing held on December 16, 2019

**AN ORDINANCE TO SET COMPENSATION OF THE
WASHINGTON PARISH PLANNING COMMISSION
APPOINTEES SUBJECT TO LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL,
SET REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR
PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTEES, AND AMEND
THE NUMBER OF PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTEES**

WHEREAS the Washington Parish Council wishes to give the Appointees of the Washington Parish Planning Commission a compensation as an incentive to have a quorum at Planning Commission meetings and compensate Appointees for qualification requirements henceforth placed on Commissioners, and

WHEREAS the Washington Parish Council has asked the Louisiana Legislature to allow compensation for members of the Washington Parish Planning Commission.

BE IT ORDAINED that the per diem compensation of each Washington Parish Planning Commissioner shall be not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than sixty dollars with a maximum of twenty-four (24) meetings per year subject to legislative approval; and the commissioner must be present at the meeting to receive the per diem compensation.

BE IT ORDAINED that Planning Commission members must complete a Parish Council approved training seminar every year that they serve on the Planning Commission commencing with the date of the approval of this document. The seminar shall pertain to Planning Commission and rural development issues, concerns, and education. Examples of conductors of these seminars may be, but are not limited to, accredited Louisiana college professors, the Louisiana Regional Planning Commission representatives, speakers from the U.S.D.A. Rural Development office, speakers from the U.S.D.A. Natural Resource and Conservation Service (NRCS) office, the LSU Ag Center's representatives, the Louisiana Dept. of Agriculture representatives, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Louisiana Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries representatives, the Louisiana Dept. of Environmental Quality representatives, the Louisiana Fire Marshal's Office representatives, and planning and zoning experts. The Planning Commission will make suggestions to the Parish Council where the Planning Commission feels it needs expertise training, however, the Parish Council shall make the final decision.

BE IT ORDAINED that the Planning Commission is hereby amended to seven members. Each member shall be appointed by their corresponding Parish Councilman in their respective district and subject to a confirmation of the whole Council. If reapportionment affects a currently serving commissioner, their eligibility to serve on the Planning Commission shall remain in effect until the end of their term.

BE IT ORDAINED that if a Planning Commissioner misses more than two meetings per year, the Parish Council may, at the Council's discretion, consider that appointment vacant and be free to fill the position.

BE IT ORDAINED that a commissioner shall remain a commissioner, even if the term expires, until an appointment is made by the Parish Council or a letter of resignation is received by the Council.

BE IT ORDAINED that if a Planning Commissioner does not meet the requirements set

herein, the commissioner's appointment will become null and void and the position considered vacant.

BE IT ORDAINED that the Planning Commission will not meet more than one time per month unless they call a special meeting and have an agenda item that cannot wait until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

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

YEAS: (7) Fussell, Workman, Lewis, McMasters, Fornea, Anthony and Talley

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

ABSTAINED: (0)

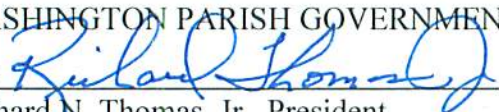
The ordinance was declared adopted on the 16th day of December, 2019.

WASHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

By: 
Chris Workman, Chairman


Delivered to the Parish President on the 17th day of December, 2019.

WASHINGTON PARISH GOVERNMENT

By: 
Richard N. Thomas, Jr., President

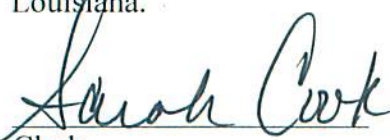
Returned to the Clerk of the Parish Council on the 17th day of December, 2019.

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Sarah Cook, Clerk of the Parish Council

CERTIFICATION

I, **SARAH COOK, CLERK OF THE WASHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**, hereby certify that foregoing is a true and correct copy of an ordinance adopted by the Washington Parish Council, in Regular Session convened on the 16th of December, 2019 Franklinton, Louisiana.


Clerk
Washington Parish Council