

STATE OF LOUISIANA

TOWN OF WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 1 dated February 20, 2012

**AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 2 of 2007; THE HISTORICAL
and PRESERVATION ORDINANCE**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL and/or BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE TOWN OF
WASHINGTON, that:**

WHEREAS, the Town Council is desirous of promoting the educational, cultural and economic welfare of the public of the Town by preserving and protecting historic structures and neighborhoods which serve as visible reminders of the history and heritage of the Town, region, state and nation, and furthermore it is the purpose of this ordinance to strengthen the economy of the Town by stabilizing and improving property values in historic areas;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Washington, in legal session convened, as follows, to-wit:

**TO AMEND Ordinance No. 2 of 2007, Section 7 Definition of Historic and Section 10
Commission Recommendation and Action Thereon to read as follows:**

SECTION 7. Definition of Historic District

Design Guidelines Zones shall be as follows:

Zone H – Historic Township (1830’s to 1930’s) shall consist of all areas not otherwise specified in this section.

Zone HI – Improvement Properties are those within the Historic Township zone which contain NO structures dated prior to 1930.

Zone L – Landreneau Subdivision (1970’s to 1990’s) shall consist of the area bounded by Dejean St. (north), Cedar St. (east), Landreneaux St. (south), and the town limits (west).

Zone IB – Interstate/Boulevard shall consist of the area east of the abandoned railroad right-of-way, along Veteran’s Memorial Blvd. and extending to the Town limits.

SECTION 10. Commission Recommendation and Action Thereon

Exception for Small Projects:

“Small Projects” shall be defined as those consisting of less than 500 square feet with no electrical, mechanical, plumbing, or major structural systems and with no permanent occupants.

When the application appears to meet the qualifications of a “Small Project”, the commission chairperson shall poll the full commission which may issue a decision within seven working days without a regular meeting.

These “small projects” still require an application, including any drawings, photographs, or written description necessary to evaluate the project. Incomplete applications, or those with inadequate documentation to sufficiently evaluate the project, will be placed on the next regular monthly meeting agenda. The chairperson shall have the option of declining the seven-day process if they deem the project to be of such intricacy or scope that it should be reviewed by the full commission.

Project Type/Size	Application Fees
Small Project	\$15
Residential Additions	\$50
New Residences	\$100
All Commercial	\$0.10 per square foot

Project Type/Size	Penalty Fees
Small Project	\$15 per day of violation
Residential Additions	\$50 per day of violation
New Residences	\$100 to \$500 per day of violation
All Commercial	\$100 to \$500 per day of violation

Penalty fees to be assessed by the Commission based on severity and degree of violation with enforcement in accordance with “Mayor’s Court” procedures.

All other provisions of said ordinance shall remain unchanged and having the same full effect of law.

Said Amended Ordinance having been introduced on January 17, 2012 the title having been read and the Ordinance advertised within the legal delays as provided for by law, and after been duly considered at a public hearing, a record vote was taken on February 20, 2012 and the following results were had:

YEAS: Laura Allegood, Mona Wilson, Gary Wilson, Krاندall Pijue, Wilbert Ledet
 NAYS: None
 ABSENT: None
 ABSTAINED: None



 MAYOR

ATTEST:



 ACTING TOWN CLERK

