

ORDINANCE NO. 034-94

AN ORDINANCE OF THE LAFAYETTE PARISH COUNCIL SPLITTING PRECINCTS 14, 15, AND 18 AND TO SUBMIT THE NEW PRECINCTS, ONCE SPLIT, TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR SECTION 5 PRECLEARANCE PURSUANT TO THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965, AS AMENDED.

**WHEREAS**, the people of the City and Parish of Lafayette, Louisiana, in 1992, did adopt a Home Rule Charter for Lafayette-City Parish Consolidated Government; and

**WHEREAS**, the Home Rule Charter for the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government was submitted to the United States Department of Justice for preclearance pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965; and

**WHEREAS**, on or about October 18, 1993, the United States Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, notified the Parish and the City of Lafayette that it had precleared the consolidated government Home Rule Charter, under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act and did not interpose any objection to the consolidation of the City and the Parish, as well as all other provisions of the proposed Home Rule Charter, with the exception that it objected to the districting plan as contained in the proposed City-Parish Charter; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of the Home Rule Charter for Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government as contained as Section 8-11, the Lafayette City-Parish Charter Commission reconvened on or about December 14, 1993, for the purpose of drafting and proposing amendments to the Charter to the electors of Lafayette Parish in order to satisfy the objection of the United States Department of Justice to the councilmanic districts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lafayette Parish Charter Commission unanimously voted to recommend that three (3) precincts (precincts 14, 15 and 18) be split in order to obtain the required minority majority districts and which splitting of precincts would be identical to the splitting of precincts which has previously been accomplished by the Lafayette Parish School Board and which has now been precleared by the United States Department of Justice and which splitting of precincts was presented

by Plan R-3B shown on Map 4 as proposed by the Lafayette Areawide Planning Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the City-Parish Charter Commission further unanimously recommended that the Lafayette Parish Council adopt an Ordinance to split these precincts and that once these split precincts were approved and adopted by Ordinance, that the Parish Council then call an election such that this proposed amendment to the Home Rule Charter for Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government could be voted on by the electorate at an election date to be set by the Parish Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lafayette Parish Council was then briefed on and agreed to the recommendations of the Lafayette City-Parish Charter Commission as expressed in the prior commission meeting of December 14, 1993, and the Lafayette Parish Council expressed its intention to split Precincts 14, 15 and 18 as recommended, after appropriate review and approval had been received from the Louisiana Secretary of the Senate and the Louisiana Clerk of the House, or their designees, as is required under La. R.S. 18:532.1 and, accordingly, the Lafayette Parish Council passed Resolution No. 008-94, which was adopted on January 27, 1994; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 008-94 of the Lafayette Parish Council expressing its intention of splitting Precincts 14, 15, and 18 was submitted for the review and approval of the Louisiana Secretary of the Senate and the Louisiana Clerk of the House, or their designees, as is required under La. R. S. 18:532.1, and no objection was interposed by either the Louisiana Secretary of the Senate or the Louisiana Clerk of the House, or their designees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lafayette Parish Council now desires to adopt an Ordinance which will split Precincts 14, 15 and 18, as is aforescribed, such that there would then be Precinct 14A, Precinct 14B, Precinct 15A, Precinct 15B, Precinct 18A, and Precinct 18B, all in accordance with and identical to the Lafayette Parish School Board Reapportionment, Plan R-3B, shown on Map 4, for the 1990 voter precincts as proposed by the Lafayette Areawide Planning Commission, and all is reflected

in the Lafayette Parish School Board Reapportionment Plan, Plan R-3B, shown on Map 4, dated December, 1992; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, that the Lafayette Parish Council:

SECTION 1: The Lafayette Parish Council accepts the recommendations of the Lafayette City-Parish Home Rule Charter as expressed in a special meeting of December 14, 1993, and wherein it was recommended that (1) the Lafayette Parish Council split Precincts 14, 15 and 18 pursuant to Plan R-3B shown on Map 4 as prepared by the Lafayette Areawide Planning Commission, December 1992, and which splitting of precincts would allow for identical councilmanic districts for the City-Parish Government as those adopted by the Lafayette Parish School Board, and which districts have now been precleared, for the Lafayette Parish School Board, under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 by the United States Department of Justice, and (2) the Lafayette Parish Council does adopt this Ordinance splitting Precinct 14 into Precinct 14A and Precinct 14B, splitting Precinct 15 into Precinct 15A and Precinct 15B, and splitting Precinct 18 into Precinct 18A and Precinct 18B, all as is set forth in Plan R-3B shown on Map 4 as prepared by the Lafayette Areawide Planning Commission, December, 1992.

SECTION 2: The Lafayette Parish Council does incorporate into this Ordinance, by attachment hereto, the Lafayette Areawide Planning Commission Plan R-3B, shown on Map 4, dated December of 1992, with reference to the Lafayette Parish School Board reapportionment and which Plan R-3B, shown on Map 4, together with the accompanying explanation, demographical information, schematics, maps and plans, all of which reflect the new precincts which are adopted herein, being Precinct 14A, Precinct 14B, Precinct 15A, Precinct 15B, Precinct 18A, and Precinct 18B, and with each such precinct having the dimensions, locations and boundaries as is reflected in the attached Plan R-3B, shown on Map 4, including all maps and plats associated with and made a part of Plan R-3B.

SECTION 3: The new written descriptions of the new precincts adopted herein are as follows:

**WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF PRECINCT 14A**

Commencing at a point of intersection at Interstate 10 (I-10) and North University Avenue (Hwy. 182), thence in a northwesterly direction along North University Avenue (Hwy 182) to its intersection with the Trans Louisiana Gas Co. Inc. natural gas pipeline; thence in an easterly direction along the natural gas pipeline to its intersection with the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks; thence in a Southerly direction along the Southern Pacific Railroad

tracks to its intersection with Interstate 10 (I-10); thence in a westerly direction along Interstate 10 (I-10) to the point of commencement.

#### **WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF PRECINCT 14B**

Commencing at a point of intersection at North University Avenue (Hwy 182) and the Trans Louisiana Gas Co. Inc. natural gas pipeline; thence in a northwesterly direction along North University Avenue (Hwy 182) to its intersection with Birdsong Road; thence east along Birdsong Road to Pont Des Mouton Road; thence east along Pont Des Mouton Road to the Vermilion River; thence south along the Vermilion River to Interstate 10 (I-10); thence west along Interstate 10 (I-10) to the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks; thence north along the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks to the Trans Louisiana Gas Co. Inc. natural gas pipeline; thence southwest along the pipeline to the point of commencement.

#### **WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF PRECINCT 15A**

Commencing at a point of intersection at Interstate 10 (I-10) and Moss Street; thence south along Moss Street to Dunand Street; thence east on Dunand Street to Fournier Street; thence south along Fournier Street to Jupiter Drive; thence east along Jupiter Drive to Louisiana Avenue; thence north along Louisiana Avenue to the Dan Debaillion Coulee; thence southeast along the Dan Debaillion Coulee to the un-named street which is the entrance to Acadiana Park; thence south along the un-named park entrance street to East Alexander Street; thence east along East Alexander Street to Larabee Pit Road, thence north along Larabee Pit Rd. to the Vermilion River; thence north along the Vermilion River to Interstate 10 (I-10); thence west along Interstate 10 (I-10) to the point of commencement.

#### **WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF PRECINCT 15B**

Commencing at a point of intersection at East Alexander Street and Louisiana Avenue; thence northeasterly along Louisiana Avenue to the Dan Debaillion coulee; thence southeast along the Dan Debaillion Coulee to the un-named street which is the entrance street to Acadiana Park; thence south along the un-named park entrance street to East Alexander Street; thence west on East Alexander Street to the point of commencement.

#### **WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF PRECINCT 18A**

Commencing at a point of intersection at North University Avenue and Interstate 10 (I-10); thence northeast along Interstate 10 (I-10) to the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks; thence south along the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks to Martin Luther King Jr. Drive

(M.L.K. Dr.); thence west along M.L.K. Dr. to Hollywood Drive; thence west along Hollywood Drive to North University Avenue; thence north along North University Avenue to the point of commencement.

**WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF PRECINCT 18B**

Commencing at a point of intersection at the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks and Interstate 10 (I-10); thence northeast along Interstate 10 (I-10) to the Northeast Evangeline Thruway; thence south along the Northeast Evangeline Thruway to Chalmette Drive; thence west along Chalmette Dr. to Northwest Frontage Road; thence north along Northwest Frontage Road to Benoit Falgout Drive; thence west along Benoit Falgout Drive to Patterson Street; thence south along Patterson Street to Martin Luther King Drive (M.L.K. Dr.); thence west along M.L.K. Drive to the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks; thence north along the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks to the point of commencement.

SECTION 4: This Ordinance shall become effective upon compliance with all applicable provisions of local, state and federal law.

And this ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the results were as follows:

YEAS: Guidry, Broussard, Benjamin, Roy, Comeaux, Schouest, Michot

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RECUSED: None

And this ordinance was declared adopted on this 28th day of April, 1994.

/s/ LLOYD C. ROCHON

LLOYD C. ROCHON  
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL  
LAFAYETTE PARISH COUNCIL

CERTIFICATION

I, Lloyd C. Rochon, Clerk of the Council of Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 034-94, adopted by the Parish Council of Lafayette Parish in regular session on April 28, 1994, at which time a quorum was present.

/s/ LLOYD C. ROCHON  
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Clerk of the Council  
Lafayette Parish Council