

ORDINANCE NO. 2006

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING A HISTORICAL PERSERVATION DISTRICT
IN THE CITY OF THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA, SETTING FORTH
PROVISIONS FOR THE REGULATION THEREOF, AND
PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREFOR**

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux in regular session assembled, that:

WHEREAS, the City of Thibodaux desires to promote the educational, cultural, and economic welfare of its citizens by preserving and protecting historic and architecturally significant structures and neighborhoods which serve as a visible reminder of the history and cultural heritage of the city, region, state, and nation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Thibodaux further desires to strengthen its economy by stabilizing and improving property values in historic areas.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux that it may from time to time, create districts in order to preserve and protect historic and architecturally important structures and neighborhoods which serve as visible reminders of the history and cultural heritage of the city, region, state, and nation, and in doing so also strengthen the economy of the City by stabilizing and improving property values in historic areas. These areas shall be known as "Historic Districts."

Each Historic District shall be composed of an area of the City of Thibodaux designated on the zoning map of the City of Thibodaux as a "Historic District." The Historic District(s) of the City of Thibodaux shall include the following to-wit:

Commencing at the centerline of West 1st Street and Jackson Street and extending in a southerly direction along the centerline of Jackson Street to its intersection with West 7th Street; thence along the centerline of West 7th Street in a westerly direction to its intersection with Church Street; thence along the centerline of Church Street in a southerly direction to its intersection with West 8th Street; thence along the centerline of West 8th Street in an easterly direction to a point which would be the rear lot line of property fronting on the west side of Jackson Street; thence along the rear property line in a southerly direction of property fronting the west side of Jackson Street to its

intersection of the former S.P. Railroad right of way; thence along the centerline of the S.P. Railroad right of way to the east side of the west lane of Canal Boulevard; thence in a northerly direction along the rear lot lines of property fronting on the east side of Jackson Street to the rear lot line of property fronting on east side of Jackson Street and the south side of West 7th; thence, in an easterly direction along the rear lot lines of property on the south side of West 7th Street to the centerline of Canal Boulevard; thence, along the centerline of Canal Boulevard to its intersection with 8th Street; thence, along the centerline of East 8th Street in an easterly direction to its intersection with President Street; thence, along the centerline of President Street in a northerly direction to its intersection with East 7th Street; thence in a westerly direction along the centerline of East 7th Street to a point at the rear lot line of property fronting on the east side of Canal Boulevard; thence in a northerly direction along the rear lot lines of property fronting on the east side of Canal Boulevard to its intersection with East 1st Street; thence along the centerline of 1st Street in a westerly direction to the intersection of West 1st Street and Jackson Street; being the point of beginning.

THIBODAUX HISTORIC DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMISSION

The powers, functions and duties assigned to this commission so created shall not conflict with, be inconsistent with or be concurrent with those of any departments created by the City Charter, and shall serve in an advisory capacity for the purpose of preservation and restoration of historically significant properties within the established district.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Historic District Commission shall be to promote the educational, cultural, economic, and general welfare of the public by the preservation of "historic buildings."

The said commission shall endorse plans as presented, or deemed necessary, to make recommendations for changes to property owners upon all proposed alterations of existing "historic buildings" within the boundaries of the historic district. Commission recommendations shall not be binding. The Commission shall also assist property owners in the said district interested in pursuing investment tax credits for historic rehabilitation to meet the requirements for that program.

RECOMMENDATION AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS

The Historic District Commission shall consist of five (5) residents of the City of Thibodaux; to be appointed by the Mayor and subject to confirmation by the City Council, with the members of the commission being property owners of the City of Thibodaux confirmed by the City Council.

TERMS

- a) Members of the Commission shall serve four (4) year terms, except that members of the first appointed Commission shall serve respectively as follows: one (1) member for two (2) years; two (2) members for three (3) years; two (2) members for four (4) years. Members may serve consecutive terms.
- b) Should a vacancy occur prior to the end of a member's term, a successor shall be appointed within forty-five (45) days of notification of vacancy, and shall serve the remainder of that term in the same manner as the original member was appointed.
- c) Any member may be recalled at any time by a majority vote of the City Council for gross inefficiency, fraud, or neglect, but only after open hearing and ten (10) days advance written notice to the member before the open hearing specifying the complaint involved.
- d) The Historic Districts Commission shall annually select a chairman from among its members by a majority vote. The chairman may appoint from its members such committees as are necessary for the administration of the Historic District Commission.

NOTICE OF VACANCIES

Notice of vacancies on the Commission will be advertised through the processes set forth as with all other City Commissions and Boards.

STAFF-COMMITTEES

The Building Inspector and Zoning Administrator of Thibodaux shall serve as liaison between the Historic District Commission and the City of Thibodaux.

The Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator and staff shall serve as staff for the commission and will be responsible to receive and process applications, prepare meeting agendas, schedule meeting dates, coordinate activities and serve as an advisor to the Historic District Commission.

Nominal expenses necessary to carry on the duties of the Historic District Commission will be budgeted through the department of the Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator.

The Mayor of the City of Thibodaux, with approval of the City Council, may designate existing City employees to assist the Historic District Commission, as necessary, to carry out the work and the purpose for which it was created.

MEETINGS

- a) The Historic District Commission shall meet once a month if necessary to carry out duties; but not less than once each quarter. Special meetings shall be held upon the call of the Chairman of the Historic District Commission. Special meetings shall also be held upon the written request of at least two (2) members of the Historic District Commission. The presence of three of the members shall constitute a quorum.
- b) The Historic District Commission shall make such bylaws, rules, regulations, procedures, and policies and standards, as well as any amendments thereto, as it may deem necessary for the conduct of its affairs, not inconsistent with the laws of the City of Thibodaux and the State of Louisiana, with the approval of the City Council, prior to becoming effective.
- c) Demolition, which has been ordered by the Mayor, City Council or by a court of competent jurisdiction, shall not require approval from the Historic District Commission.

DEFINITIONS

"Historic Building" is defined herein as a building of at least fifty (50) years of age with significant local, regional, or national historical, architectural, and /or cultural value, or a building listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

"Commission" means the Thibodaux Historic District Advisory Commission.

State Law reference – General powers of historic preservation district commissions, R.S. 25:737.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the provisions of this ordinance shall be effective upon publication.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance is deemed severable and, accordingly, should any part or portion hereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional, then the rest and remainder of the ordinance which can be enforced without regard to such invalid or unconstitutional part or portion shall remain in full force and effect.

The above ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Councilmen Landry, Gene Richard & Taylor

NAYS: Councilmen Dee Richard & Badeaux

ABSENT: NONE

And the above ordinance was declared adopted this 20th day of March 2001.

Tommy Eschete, City Clerk

Lloyd Chip Badeaux, President