

ORDINANCE NO. 4983

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 126, ARTICLE III, SUBSECTION 126-691, BOSSIER PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, (ORDINANCE NO. 922 OF 1981) BENTON-PARISH METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION ZONING REGULATIONS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOUISIANA ACT NO. 205 OF 2023, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2023, (“THE AMENDED ACT”) WHICH AMENDS AND REENACTS ACT 558 OF 1956 TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE ZONING BOUNDARIES FOR THE BENTON-PARISH METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION, AND CHANGING THE NAME OF THE “BENTON-PARISH METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION” TO THE “BENTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION”.

WHEREAS, Act No. 558 of 1956 provides for the creation, organization, powers, and duties of a metropolitan planning commission to manage the metropolitan planning area in and around the municipality of Benton, and includes certain unincorporated areas of Bossier Parish, and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Act No. 205 of 2023, effective August 1, 2023, (“the amended act”) amends and reenacts Act No. 558 of 1956, to expand the jurisdictional boundaries of the Benton metropolitan planning area to extend beyond the five-mile radius in Act 205 of 2023 to also include a larger portion of the unincorporated part of Bossier Parish, by extending and adding to the existing boundaries found in Chapter 126, Article III, Subsection 126-691, of the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinances, the following more particularly described areas:

All of Section 5, Township 19N, Range 12W, Section 6, Township 19N, Range 12W, Section 7, Township 19N, Range 12W, Section 8, Township 19N, Range 12W, Section 13, Township 19N, Range 13W, and Section 18, Township 19N, Range 12W, Bossier Parish, LA

WHEREAS, the amended Act also changes the definition of the metropolitan planning commission from the “Benton-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission” to the “Benton Metropolitan Planning Commission”.

WHEREAS, the amended Act also changes the term “village” to municipality” to reflect the population growth of Benton.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 18th day of October, 2023, that it does hereby amend Chapter 126, Article III, Subsection 126-691, of the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinances (Ordinance No. 922 of 1981) Benton Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission Zoning Regulations, by adopting the provisions of Louisiana Act No. 205 of 2023, effective August 1, 2023, (“the amended act”) amending and reenacting Act No. 558 of 1956, to expand the jurisdictional boundaries of the metropolitan planning area to extend beyond the five-mile radius in Act 205 of 2023 to also include a larger portion of the unincorporated part of Bossier Parish and changing the definition of the “metropolitan planning commission” from the “Benton-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission” to the “Benton Metropolitan Planning Commission”.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Parish Administrator or Parish President is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents in connection with said agreement.

Exhibit A – Act No. 205 of 2023 – on file in the office of the Bossier Parish Police Jury
Exhibit B – Map of the Benton MPC jurisdiction expansion
Exhibit C – SB87 Bill History

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 18th day of October, 2023, with the following votes recorded:

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY