

PARISH OF WEST FELICIANA

ORDINANCE NUMBER: 2016 OCTOBER 10 – 03

AN ORDINANCE TO PROPOSE AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF WEST FELICIANA PARISH, AND TO PROVIDE FURTHER WITH RESPECT THERETO:

The West Feliciana Parish Council hereby ordains:

Section 1- Amendments to Article III, Section C, Paragraph 5 of the West Feliciana Parish Home Rule Charter to read as follows:

5. a. The seven (7) members of the Planning Commission heretofore created by the West Feliciana Parish Police Jury shall continue in existence, and the members thereof holding office on the effective date of this Charter shall each continue to hold office until the expiration of the term for which he was appointed. As the terms of these members expire, the successors shall be appointed by the Parish Council. **Each such successor shall reside in the unincorporated area of the Parish at the time of appointment and shall continue to reside in the unincorporated area of the Parish during their term.** In addition to the members already appointed, ~~the Council shall designate that one of its members, a member of the Parish School Board designated by the School Board, a member of the Parish Fire Board designated by the Fire Board, and the Parish President or an administrative employee designated by him shall serve as ex-officio, non-voting members of the Commission. Each person so designated shall serve at the pleasure of the body or official who appointed him~~ **there shall be the following ex-officio, non-voting members of the Commission: the Fire Chief of West Feliciana Parish Fire District No. 1, or his designee, and the Superintendent of the West Feliciana Parish School System, or his designee. The ex-officio, non-voting members shall not be counted for the purposes of determining the quorum of the Commission.**

Section 2- Election Call – Under the authority of Louisiana Constitution Art. VI, Section 5, the Louisiana Election Code and the Home Rule Charter of West Feliciana Parish, a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the Parish of West Feliciana, State of Louisiana on Saturday, December 10, 2016, between the hours of 7:00 am and 8:00 pm, to put before all of the qualified electors of West Feliciana Parish entitled to vote thereon, the following proposition:

Shall Article III, Section C, Paragraph 5 of the West Feliciana Parish Home Rule Charter be amended to require that all of the appointed members of the West Feliciana Parish Planning Commission reside within the unincorporated area of West Feliciana Parish, to change the number of non-voting members and to provide that the non-voting members are not part of the quorum?

YES or NO

Section 3 – Publication of Notice of Election – A Notice of Special Election shall be published in the St. Francisville Democrat, the official journal of West Feliciana Parish Government, once a week for four consecutive weeks with the first publication not less than 45 days nor more than 90 days prior to the election, substantially as set forth in Exhibit A, made a part hereof.

Section 4- Canvass – The West Feliciana Parish Council will meet at its regular meeting place, Courthouse Building, 4785 Prosperity Street, St. Francisville, Louisiana, on MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2016, at FIVE THIRTY O’CLOCK (5:30) P.M., and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the election.

Section 5 – Polling Places, Commissioners & Voting Machines – As a parish-wide election, all of the registered and qualified electors of West Feliciana Parish are entitled to vote in said election and voting machines shall be used. Each and every polling place, encompassing each and every precinct with West Feliciana Parish will be utilized for said election. The Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated in accordance with Louisiana law.

Section 6 – Authorization of Officers - Said election shall be held in accordance with all applicable laws, including but not limited to the Louisiana Election Code, as set forth in Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other statutory or constitutional authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with LRS 18:1287, will make due returns to said Governing Authority. The President of West Feliciana Parish and the Secretary of the West Feliciana Parish Council shall take all actions necessary to conduct such election, including furnishing certified copies of this ordinance to the Secretary of State, Clerk of Court of West Feliciana Parish, and Registrar of Voters of West Feliciana Parish, along with a request that each such official perform its functions under Louisiana law.

Section 7 – Bond Commission – Application for approval of said election shall be made to the State Bond Commission if required by Louisiana law to do so, including providing thereto the documents required thereby.

Introduced by: Council Member Melville R. Percy at the regular meeting of the West Feliciana Parish Council on the 12th day of September, 2016.

Publication of Summary and Notice of Public Hearing on September 22, 2016.

Full reading and passage October 10, 2016.

Moved for adoption by Sydney Picou Walker. Seconded by William “Bill” May, III.

FOR: John C. Thompson, Melville R. Percy, William “Bill” May, III, Sydney Picou Walker

AGAINST: Melvin Young

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

/s/Kevin H. Couhig 10/13/16
KEVIN H. COUHIG DATE
WEST FELICIANA PARISH PRESIDENT

/s/Sherrel W. Johnson 10/13/16
SHERREL W. JOHNSON DATE
WEST FELICIANA PARISH COUNCIL ASSISTANT SECRETARY