

MINUTES

**Livingston Parish**  
**June 11, 2024**

Pursuant to notice duly posted in the public lobby of the Livingston Parish Governmental Building, the Livingston Parish Ordinance Committee met on June 11, 2024, at the hour of five o'clock (5:00) p.m. in the Parish Council Chambers, located in the Livingston Parish Governmental Building, 20355 Governmental Boulevard, Livingston, Louisiana with the following members present:

Dean Coates – Chairman  
Erin Sandefur  
Ryan Chavers  
Joe Erdey

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The Chairman, Dean Coates, called the meeting to order.  
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The Deputy Clerk called roll. With everyone being present, the Chair began by addressing item:

**3. Old Business:**

- a. Discussion of waivers for subdivisions previously approved to subdivide in a named subdivision – Ricky Goff**

Mr. Goff was not present at the meeting, so the Chair skipped this item for now.

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The Chair moved on to Agenda Item(s):

**4. New Business:**

- a. Discussion of Ordinance Amending “Sec. 6-27. – Requirement.” – Parish Presidents Office/ Steve Kistler**
- b. Discussion of Ordinance Amending “Sec. 42-5. – Licenses and Permits” – Parish Presidents Office/ Steve Kistler**
- c. Discussion of Ordinance Amending “Sec. 42-335. – Required.” – Parish Presidents Office/ Steve Kistler**
- d. Discussion of Ordinance Amending “Sec. 42-336. – Application.” – Parish Presidents Office/ Steve Kistler**
- e. Discussion of Ordinance Amending “Sec. 42-97. – Same – Transmission; hearing; issuance of license.” – Parish Presidents Office/ Steve Kistler**
- f. Discussion of Ordinance Amending “Sec. 42-129. – Same – Transmission; hearing; issuance of license.” – Parish Presidents Office/ Steve Kistler**

Parish President, Randy Delatte wanted to give a little background. He is wanting the Council to make it clear that we (Parish Presidents Office) could collect the Occupational Tax fees for the Parish. The Livingston Parish Sherrif Office is who is currently collecting these fees. He also stated that there are 29 Parishes that allow the Sherrif to collect these fees but would like to make it 28 Parishes. He thinks we could possibly bring in more than one million dollars for the Parish and possibly triple that amount in 3 years. He thinks that we can do a much better job and we could save the 15% that we must pay them.

Chairman Coates asked if the 15% that we pay the Sherrif would we keep the 15% or all the funds that are involved in the Occupational Tax?

President Delatte stated that we must pay the Sherrif 120,000 or so dollars a year. He wanted to make sure that they know they would be trying harder to enforce the Occupational Tax and it not be a “honor system” anymore.

Steve Kistler, Livingston Parish Compliance Officer, also wanted to let the Council know that if they collected the Occupational Tax, it would be easier for the constituents to navigate and not have to go to so many different entities. He mentions that there are two different sections of the code of Ordinances that need to be amended. He first mentions “**Sec. 6-27. – Requirement.**”, which is giving the Parish President the authority to designate the office he sees fit to collect the fees. “**Sec. 42-5.**”, which outlines a procedure that the Parish President would have to use to designate the new department and would also strengthens it for the future. The remaining amendments to “**Sec. 42**” (**335, 336, 97, and 129**) to say the same wording as the rest of the

amendments. Mr. Joe Erdey wanted to know if it would be a new department created or would it fall under another department? Mr. Kistler states that it would fall under the Planning and Permitting office.

Councilman Ryan Chavers asked Mr. Delatte if he has been in contact with the Sherrif about this new procedure. Mr. Delatte states that he has been in touch with him, but both offices want to be the ones to collect. Mr. Coates wanted to know how the Sherrif became to be the collector of the fees for collection? Mr. Delatte stated he doesn't know a time frame, but he stated that it had to be the wish of the Council to make him the tax collector. Mr. Kistler stated that according to state law, the Sherrif is made "tax collector" by default if no one else is collecting.

Mr. Erdey is curious about who would enforce the people to make them come in and get an Occupational License. Mr. Kistler states it follows the procedure placed in "Sec. 42-5", they will be in a date base, and they will send a letter to them, and then if they still don't comply, they are subject to a fine.

Councilwoman Erin Sandefur would like to do more research before she could make any decisions.

Mr. Delatte asked the committee if they thought the Parish wasn't fundamentally capable or that fundamentally you think the Sherrif does it better?

Mr. Coates states that it is a hard question to answer without doing research before making any decisions.

Ms. DeeDee Delatte, Planning and Permit Building Director, stated that every day they get multiple calls from different Council People asking to help with the complaints that they get. She states that they do not have enough people to do those things, but if we had this extra revenue, they could hire more people. She begs that they consider this please.

After a short discussion, there was ultimately a motion made by Ryan Chavers and seconded by Joe Erdey to send these ordinances to the full Council with a positive recommendation with no further discussion and where none opposed.

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The Chair moved on to Agenda Item:

**4. New Business:**

- g. Discussion of Ordinance on Setbacks on all State Highways and Roads – Erin Sandefur

Ms. Sanderfur stated that this item has already passed through the Ordinance Committee and is on the agenda for the June 13th meeting.

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The Chair moved on to Agenda Item:

**4. New Business:**

- h. Discussion of Ordinance for Mobile Home Regulations – John Mangus

Councilman John Mangus discussed how this Ordinance is not ready but would like us to talk through it. He states that there is a problem in our Parish about mobile homes and mobile home movers that do not follow State regulations and cause problems throughout our Parish. He states that we as a Parish do not have any regulations in our Ordinances for permitting that have to do with moving mobile homes through our Parish. Mr. Mangus wants to protect our property values and enable the Sherrif's department to enforce these regulations once they are in place. He wants the mobile home movers/whoever is getting the mobile home to notify the permit office the route of the mobile home being moved with them having an escort. The movers should be held responsible for any damage that they cause.

Mr. Chavers asked if he had spoken to the Planning and Permitting Office? Mr. Mangus stated that he thinks they are willing to do this if there is good legislation to follow these requirements.

Mr. Delatte spoke on behalf of the Parish Presidents office and stated that they are in favor of this because it would bring in revenue to the Parish to help maintain the roads that the movers are using.

Mr. Mangus stated that he spoke with Ms. Candy Forbes that owns a mobile home dealership and he is not trying to make it obtrusive for them to do business. He states he just does not want these mobile home to come to our Parish and “die”.

Ms. Sandefur says she really wants to support him, she will just need to see the Ordinance ready for the Ordinance Committee.

Mr. Erdey wants to know if all the rules and regulations will be the same for every mobile that is being moved regardless of the length of the move? Mr. Mangus stated that he would like everyone to follow these rules.

Mr. Wally Avera spoke about how the Ordinance will need a lot of work before it is voted on. He said that the length is 10ft in this, and that will go into affecting moving the small sheds that are sold. Another issue he had was about restricting of the ages of mobile homes placed in our Parish. As a landlord he said he has mobile homes from 1989 and he has seen mobile homes that are 5 years old that are in worse shape than the older home. He goes onto to mention about how his first home that his first home was an older mobile home that he and his wife had to completely redo. Mr. Mangus goes to address Mr. Avera to state that this Ordinance is strictly for moving mobile homes, not an age restriction Ordinance. Mr. Avera wanted to let Mr. Mangus know that he said, “old mobile homes come to die in our Parish”. Mr. Avera wants everyone to consider what these regulations will do to the young families that are trying to start out and the people in our Parish.

Mr. Randy Stone spoke about how he has been a landlord for over 40 years. He states that we have a Mobile Home Commission that governs all mobile home movement and regulations throughout the State. He also mentions that it would be beneficial to reach out and use all services that the State and Fire Marshal Office services that are already in place. He also states that it would save the Parish a lot of money not having to police this themselves. Mr. Stone speaks about the requirements that must be met before you can get permits and move a mobile home to that location. That would hurt the people who do not have the days or weeks to move these mobile homes to that location. He states that it is also very difficult to offer affordable housing when the fees keep going up, while at first, they don’t hurt the renters but eventually it will all catch up.

Mr. Chavers states that these extra fees and precautions will be beneficial when these companies move these homes to cover the damages that are caused while moving the mobile homes.

Mr. Coates states that we are getting off topic and asks that we keep the statements to what is being proposed.

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The Chair moved on to Agenda Item:

**5. Other Business:**

Mr. Coates opens the discussion about the “PARDS” Ordinance that they want to have in place.

Ms. Julie Norris, Chairman of the PARDS Board for District No. 3, speaks about how they are wanting an Ordinance in place to implement the rules and regulations so that they can provide a safe and public use of the PARDS areas and facilities. They already have these rules in place, this Ordinance will give Law Enforcement the authority to enforce the rules and regulations. Mr. Coates asked why we would put this in place if the rules and regulations abide by state law? Ms. Norris then explains that the Sheriff’s Department is telling them they cannot enforce them unless there is an Ordinance that gives them the right to do so.

Ms. Sandefur states that she spoke to Mr. John Wascom, and he and our Councilman from District 3 are working hand in hand to write this Ordinance.

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The Chair moved on to Agenda Item:

**3. Old Business:**

**a. Discussion of waivers for subdivisions previously approved to subdivide in a named subdivision – Ricky Goff**

Councilman Ricky Goff apologizes for his tardiness and absent at the last Ordinance Committee. He states that he is okay with sending this to the next Ordinance Committee as written.

Ms. Sandefur mentions that she has done the research that she wanted to do and would like the verbiage to say 1975. She states that is when everything starts changing subdivision wise.

Mr. Goff states that he would be okay with 1980 or 1985. He is wanting this to go on the next agenda since it is not a time sensitive item.

With no other business to discuss, a **MOTION** was offered by Ryan Chavers and duly seconded by Erin Sandefur to adjourn the June 11, 2024, meeting of the Livingston Parish Ordinance Committee, with no further discussion and where none opposed.

*/s/ Raven Watts*

Raven Watts, Deputy Clerk

*/s/ Dean Coates*

Dean Coates, Chairman