

CHAPTER 26

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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ARTICLE A - CEMETERY BOARD

SECTION 26.1

Established by Resolution on May 5, 1962 of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, and incorporated herein as if set forth herein in extenso, and such provisions shall be henceforth a part of this code and said terms and provisions of the said resolution of May 5, 1962, shall remain in full force and effect.

ARTICLE B – ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT ZONING BOARD

SECTION 26.2

(a) Creation; purpose. The Economic Development and Zoning Board of the Town of Blanchard, Louisiana (sometimes referred to herein as the “Board”) is hereby created by the Board of Alderpersons of the Town of Blanchard, Louisiana. The purpose of the Economic Development and Zoning Board is to plan for the efficient development and growth of the Town of Blanchard, Louisiana, as well as appurtenant surrounding areas not already included within the boundaries of another municipality; however, any plans for such areas not within the boundaries of the Town shall not have any official or legal status by reason of this section. This Board shall consider the promotion of public health, safety and welfare in connection with any such planning, particularly providing for aesthetic value, adequate lighting, pure air, safety from fire and other dangers, undue concentration of population and ample parking facilities. It shall be the responsibility of this Board to make recommendations to the Board of Alderpersons of the Town relating to such plans, as well as such other tasks as may be delegated to it by the Board of Alderpersons or as set forth in this Code of Ordinances.

(b) Organization. The Board shall be composed of five members, each of whom must reside within the legal boundaries of the Town of Blanchard, Louisiana and be a registered and qualified voter of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, all appointed by the Board of Alderpersons. In addition, the Mayor of the Town of Blanchard, Louisiana shall serve on the Board as an ex-officio member who does not have the right to vote and who shall not be considered for a quorum. The term of each member shall be three years, except that the terms of the initial members of the Economic Development and Zoning Board shall be as follows: one member with a one-year term; two members with a two-year term, and two members with a three-year term, which shall be established by the initial Board

members. There shall be no limit to the number of terms any member may serve. The Board of Alderpersons may remove any member from the Economic Development and Zoning Board for frequent meeting absences or otherwise failing to fulfill the duties of a Board member. Any vacancy on this Board shall be filled by an appointment of a replacement member by the Board of Alderpersons; any individual replacing a Board member during his or her term shall serve for the remainder of that term. All members shall serve without compensation.

(c) Governance. The members shall elect one chairperson among themselves, who shall serve for a one year term with eligibility for re-election. The Board shall transact its business pursuant to Roberts Rules of Order, or such other governing rules as may be determined from time to time by the Board of Alderpersons of the Town, and shall keep a record of all of its business in accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana. All of the business of the Board shall be public record.

(d) Meetings. The Board shall meet at such times and from time to time as may be deemed necessary by its members to transact the business coming before the Board, at such location as may be decided by the Board as appropriate for its meeting. Written notice, including without limitation an email provided to a last known email address, of the time and place of the meetings shall be provided to each of the Board members at least three days but not more than sixty days prior to the date fixed for any meeting, unless otherwise agreed by the Board. Notice to the public of each meeting shall be posted in accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana.

(e) Authority. The Board may take matters relating to its purpose under its consideration and may present the same and make recommendations to the Board of Alderpersons of the Town. The Board is delegated the authority to put into effect and enforce the provisions of Chapter 19, Article B regarding zoning in the Town of Blanchard, Louisiana, including recommending to the Board of Alderpersons the boundaries of the various zoning districts, as well as the restrictions and regulations to be enforced therein, and any supplements, changes or modifications thereto. The Board shall hear all zoning requests at a properly noticed and convened meeting at which a quorum is present and shall present its findings and recommendations to the Board of Alderpersons of the Town after due consideration is given thereto. Any zoning request received by the Town shall be provided directly to this Board for its consideration, as more fully set forth in Section 19.24.

(Adopted Ordinance 4 of 2015 – June 9, 2015).

SECTION 26.2(a)

The Zoning Commission shall exercise all the powers and duties conferred by Revised Statutes 33:101 thru 33:119, inclusive.

ARTICLE C - BOARD OF HEALTH

All of the provisions of Ordinance No. 7 of 1962 creating a Board of Health for the Town of Blanchard are incorporated herein as it set forth herein in extenso and such provisions shall henceforth be a part of this code and said terms and provisions of the said Ordinance No. 7 of 1962 shall remain in full force and effect.