CHAPTER 27

GENERAL PROVISIONS

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SECTION 27.1 HOW CODE DESIGNATED AND CITED.

The provisions embraced in the forgoing chapters and sections shall constitute and be designated the 'Code of Ordinances, Town of Blanchard, Louisiana," and may be so cited.

SECTION 27.2 CATCHLINES OF SECTIONS: CITATIONS.

The catchlines of sections in this code and citations included at the end of chapters are intended to indicate the contents of the section and original historical source respectively, and shall not be deemed or taken to be titles and official sources of the section, nor as any part of the section, nor, unless expressly so provided, shall they be so deemed when any of the sections, including the catchlines, or citations, are amended or re-enacted.

SECTION 27.3 EFFECT OF REPEAL OF ORDINANCES.

- (a) The repeal of an ordinance shall not revive any ordinances in force before or at the time the ordinance repealed took effect.
- (b) The repeal of an ordinance shall not affect any punishment or penalty incurred before the repeal took effect, nor any suit, prosecution or proceeding pending at the time of the repeal, for an offense committed under the ordinance repealed.

SECTION 27.4 SEVERABILITY OF PARTS OF CODE.

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the mayor and board that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this code are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this code shall be declared unconstitutional, illegal or otherwise invalid by the valid judgment or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, the unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this code.

<u>SECTION 27.5 AMENDMENT TO CODE: EFFECT OF NEW ORDINANCES:</u> AMENDATORY LANGUAGE.

(a) All ordinances passed subsequent to this code of ordinances which amend, repeal or in any way affect this code ordinances, may be numbered in accordance with the numbering system of this code and printed for inclusion therein. When subsequent ordinances repeal any

chapter, section or subsection or any portion thereof, the repealed portions may be excluded from this code by omission from reprinted pages.

- (b) Amendments to any of the provisions of this code shall be made by amending the provisions by specific reference to .the section of this code in substantially the following language; 'Be it ordained by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Blanchard, Louisiana, the section of the code of ordinances of the Town of Blanchard, Louisiana, is hereby amended to read as follows: (Set out new provisions in full)".
- (c) When the mayor and board desires to enact an ordinance of a general and permanent nature on a subject not heretofore existing in the code, which the mayor and board desires to incorporate into the code, a section in substantially the following language shall be made part of the ordinance:

"Section' BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Blanchard, Louisiana, that the provisions of this ordinance shall become and be made a part of the code of ordinances of the Town of Blanchard, Louisiana, and the section of this ordinance may be renumbered to accomplish this intention."

(d) All sections, articles, chapters or provisions of this code desired to be repealed should be specifically repealed by section or chapter number, as the case may be.

SECTION 27.6 ALTERING CODE.

It is unlawful for any person to change or amend by additions or deletions any part or portion of this code, or to insert or delete pages or portions thereof, or to alter or tamper with this code in any manner whatsoever which will cause the law of the municipality, to be misrepresented thereby. Any person violating this section shall be punished as provided in section 27.7 hereof.

SECTION 27.7 GENERAL PENALTY

- (a) Except as otherwise provided by state law, whenever in this code or in any ordinance of the municipality an act is prohibited or is made or declared to be unlawful or an offense or a misdemeanor, or when in the code or ordinance the doing of any act is required or the failure to do any act is declared to be unlawful, where no specific penalty is provided therefore, the violation of any provision of this code or of any ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not exceeding Two Hundred & NO/100 (\$200.00) Dollars or by imprisonment. Each day any violation of this code of any ordinance shall continue shall constitute a separate offense.
- (b) Any person who shall aid, abet or assist in the violation of any provision of this code or any other ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished as provided in this section.

SECTION 27.8 CORPORATE LIMITS ESTABLISHED.

The map of the municipality showing the territorial limits thereof is hereby designed as the official map of the municipality, and the corporate limits as known therein are declared to be the true and correct corporate limits of the municipality, including all annexations made through and including the date of adopting of this code.

SECTION 27.9 NOTICE OF VIOLATION.

"Whenever any notice provided in this Code of Ordinances or elsewhere, including

without limitation any provision in Chapter 22 of the Code of Ordinances, is required or permitted to be served or posted, such service or posting may be permitted to be served or posted, such service or posting may be effected by personal or domiciliary service of such notice on the person to be notified by any person above the age of majority and designated by the Mayor. Personal or domiciliary service shall have the same meaning and shall be accomplished as provided in the Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure. The person effecting service shall provide a return of service, in a form proscribed by the Mayor, indicating the date, time, and manner of effecting service, but the validity of service shall not be affected by any deficiency in the form on completing of the return of service.'