

ORDINANCE NO. 4503

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10 OF THE BOSSIER PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING ARTICLE III, "PUBLIC INTEREST AND SPECIAL EVENTS"; FINES AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF;

BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 18th day of September, 2013, that Chapter 10 of the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinances, be and is hereby amended to add Article III, Public Interest and Special Events, as follows:

ARTICLE III. Public Interest and Special Events.

Section 10-37. Definitions.

(a) For the purposes of this section, the term "Public Interest and Special Events" includes outdoor concerts, carnivals, circuses and similar activities, held in all areas of Bossier Parish, except that area covered by the Unified Development Code of the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission, which has its own regulations, that are intended to appeal to the public at-large rather than any specific, targeted group. Permitting decisions shall be made without regard to the content of protected speech.

Section 10-38. Regulations Established.

(a) The activity shall be permitted only during hours when the on-site parking would not be used for the primary occupancy's high traffic generation activities. Further, applicant shall be required to seek approval of its traffic and security plan with the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office. Further, depending on expected attendance, adequate sanitary facilities in the form of portable toilets may be required as directed by the Bossier Parish Health Unit.

(b) The special event or activity is limited to no more than six (6) times per year and each event shall be no longer than ten (10) days. Each event requires its own specific approval and permit.

(c) When the event has been concluded, the site shall be left clean and restored to its previous condition or improved condition, as appropriate.

Section 10-39. Violations; penalties.

(a) Any person violating any provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon the conviction thereof shall forfeit and pay such penalties as the court may decide as prescribed by Louisiana law, not to exceed \$500.00 or 30 days imprisonment or both for each violation. Each day's continued violation shall constitute a separate offense.

(b) In the event any development activity is undertaken prior to approval and issuance of a permit and if the developer is declared guilty by a court of competent jurisdiction in accordance with the provisions of this Article, in addition to other prescribed remedies in this Article, the Parish shall not consider the developer's application for site plan approval and subsequent issuance of a permit for that project for a period not to exceed 90 days from the date of determination of violation.

(c) Nothing herein shall prevent the Parish from taking such other action as is necessary to prevent or remedy any violation, including injunctive relief.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Brotherton. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 18th day of September, 2013.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY