

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR MUNICIPAL ZONING
REGULATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF CHATHAM

The following ordinance was offered by Alderman Rudy Adkins
_____ who moved its adoption, and was seconded by
Alderman Eddie Joe Larry _____ :

ORDINANCE NUMBER 12-90

An ordinance providing for municipal zoning regulations for the
Town of Chatham.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of
Chatham, in special session convened, that it hereby adopts a
zoning ordinance for the Town of Chatham, as follows:

PART I. THE ORDINANCE.

- A. No land shall be used or occupied and no structure shall be erected, altered, used, or occupied except in conformity with all regulations herein established and upon performance of all conditions herein set forth.
- B. Any person, firm or corporation violating any provision of this ordinance shall be fined upon conviction of not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$50.00 or imprisoned for not more than ten days, or both, for each offense; each day that a violation is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense. The imposition of any penalty herein shall not preclude the Town of Chatham from instituting injunction, mandamus, or other appropriate action or proceeding to prevent such unlawful erection, construction, reconstruction, alteration, conversion, maintenance, or use, or to correct or abate such violation, or to prevent the occupancy of such building, structure, or land.
- C. The Zoning Commission for the Town of Chatham is hereby vested with the duties of recommending any supplements, changes, modifications, or amendments which may be initiated by any

person, firm, or corporation by filing a written application therefore with the Zoning Commission. Before making any recommendation, the Zoning Commission shall hold a public hearing according to law within ninety (90) days of application. The applicant shall deposit the sum of twenty-five (\$25) dollars to cover the cost of advertising and processing the application, and shall furnish the commission with such additional information as it may request. After the hearing has been held by the Zoning Commission, it shall make a report of its findings and recommendations to the Board of Aldermen, which shall hold a public hearing, according to law, within ninety (90) days. A majority vote of the Board of Aldermen shall be necessary to reverse the recommendation of the Zoning Commission. Any variance shall be for the purpose of promoting the health, safety, morals, or the general welfare of the community.

- D. Any person aggrieved may have a decision of the Board of Aldermen reviewed in the manner provided by rules relating to civil proceedings. A petition for review shall be filed within thirty (30) days of the date of the action complained of.
- E. This ordinance shall, within twenty (20) days after it is passed, be published once in the official journal of the Town of Chatham, Louisiana, and shall thereafter be enforced, unless for cause contrary to order, ten (10) days after its publication.
- F. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed after this ordinance goes into effect.
- G. If any part of this ordinance is held to be invalid or

unconstitutional, such holding shall not effect or impair any other provision hereof.

PART II. REGULATIONS.

- A. For the purpose of this ordinance, the entire city limits of the Town of Chatham is zoned as one-family residential, including facilities to encourage a suitable neighborhood environment for family life such as churches and schools, and nonresidential uses to satisfy the daily household needs of the neighborhood.
- B. The lawful operation of a nonconforming use as such use existed on the effective date of this ordinance or on the effective date of any amendment hereto by which the use became a nonconforming use may be continued, except that a nonconforming use that has been abandoned or discontinued for six (6) months shall not thereafter be re-established.

This ordinance having been submitted in writing, having been read and considered section by section at a public meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chatham, Louisiana, the ordinance was then submitted to an official vote as a whole, the vote thereon being as follows:

YEAS: 4

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1

And the ordinance was declared adopted on this the 7th day of August, 1987.



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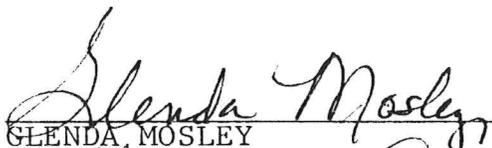
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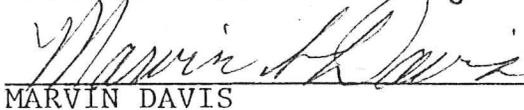
We, the undersigned members of the Zoning Commission for the Town of Chatham, after public hearing duly called and held, do hereby make this final report to the Town Council of its findings and recommendations:

That the entire city limits of the Town of Chatham be zoned One-Family Residential, including facilities to encourage a suitable neighborhood environment for family life such as churches and schools, and businesses to satisfy the daily household needs of the neighborhood, all subject to present non-conforming uses.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED this 15 day of July, 1987.



GLENDA MOSLEY



MARVIN DAVIS



K. D. HAYES