

**ORDINANCE BY THE CITY OF VILLE PLATTE TO AMEND
THE VILLE PLATTE CODE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT
THE ANTI-SLABBING STATUTE**

An ordinance to amend the Anti-Slabbing statute to the Ville Platte Code of Ordinances relative to appropriate dress for persons in certain public places; to prohibit public exposure in certain attire; to provide for fines and penalties and related matter.

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen recognize the need for rules and regulations with regard to the wearing of pants below the waist in public;

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen recognize that a coordinated and structured effort is required to prohibit indecent exposure and questionable conduct;

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen recognize that it is prudent to deter any and all forms of gang activity induced by the color and manner in which clothing is worn;

WHEREAS in case any one or more of the provisions of this ordinance shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provisions of said ordinance, but the same shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provisions had not been contained therein. Any constitutional or statutory provisions enacted after the date of this ordinance which validate or make legal any provisions thereof shall be deemed to apply hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Ville Platte, State of Louisiana, in legal and regular and/or special session, acting as the "Governing Authority" of said City, after a public hearing with legal notice, adopt an ordinance amending the Ville Platte Code.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Counsel of the City of Ville Platte, Louisiana: **SECTION 1.** The Ville Platte Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to reenact the following Anti-Slabbing Ordinance to the Code to read as follows:

The Ville Platte Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to include the following Anti-Slabbing Ordinance to the Code to read as follows:

CHAPTER 17 OFFENSES—MISCELLANEOUS

ARTICLE VI. OTHER OFFENSES

DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

Sec. 17-110.1. APPROPRIATE DRESS FOR PERSONS IN CERTAIN PUBLIC PLACES; PUBLIC EXPOSURE IN CERTAIN ATTIRE PROHIBITED.

(a) On public property (including streets, sidewalks or buses) of the City of Ville Platte all persons shall be properly attired whenever they appear in public view.

(b) Pants worn by any person, regardless of age, should be size appropriate and secured at the waist to prevent the pants from falling more than three (3) inches below the hips (crest of the ilium) causing exposure of the person or the person's undergarments.

(c) Anyone who violates any provisions of this ordinance shall be punished as provided in section 1-8 of this Code.

(d) Violators of any provision of this ordinance shall be issued a citation and subject to the penalties described above.

SECTION II. **BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that if any provision or item of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items, or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

SECTION III. **BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that all Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

THIS ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED on the 9th day of March, 2010.

NOTICE PUBLISHED on the 28th day of March, 2010.

The final adoption of the foregoing ordinance having been duly moved and seconded, the roll was called and the following vote was taken and recorded:

YEAS: Alderwoman Alfred, Aldermen Arvie, Dardeau, Jack, Perron and Sam.
NAYS:
ABSENT:

There being a favorable vote on the ordinance of at least a majority of the authorized members of the Governing Authority, the ordinance was declared adopted on this the 13th day of April, 2010.

SHELLEY FRUGE, CITY CLERK

WILLIAM "BILL" JEANMARD, MAYOR

DATE

Motion Carried.

The Council was all given copies of all bills and financials.

City Treasurer gave a brief description on the City's finances and also announced that "Direct Deposit" is going well.

Police Chief Neil Lartigue reported a total of 849 complaints for the month of March.

At the recommendation of the Chief and the approval of the Mayor, it was moved by Alderman Dardeau and seconded by Alderman Perron to hire the following, providing all requirements are met: Donald Smith, Joshua Cooper and Kevin Fontenot.

Motion Carried.

Fire Chief Ted Demoruelle reported a total of 40 calls in the month of March, 24 inside the City limits.

City Engineer Ronnie Landreneau informed the Council that the Water Project Phase I is progressing well, they have begun working on elevated tanks and all is going well. He also informed the Council that the Pavilion is also progressing well.

The Mayor informed the Council that he is still getting complaints that people are walking the streets all hours of the night and he instructed Attorney Bo West (representing City Attorney Eric LaFleur) to check with other municipalities that may have safety requirements for those that would walk after dark. The Mayor will also provide the city attorney with sample ordinances that he had reviewed. He instructed the city attorney to have a draft for introduction at the next meeting.

It was moved by Alderman Sam and seconded by Alderman Arvie that, there being no business, the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Bill Jeanmard, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shelley Fruge, City Clerk