



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
PROCLAMATION NUMBER 224 JBE 2023

AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF PLAQUEMINE

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and the Board of Selectmen of the City of Plaquemine, Parish of Iberville, Louisiana, without objection from the residents therein, to amend the Legislative Charter of the City of Plaquemine to authorize the Mayor and the Board of Selectmen to appoint and supervise designated employees and department heads under certain terms and conditions;

WHEREAS, to wit, it is the desire of the Mayor and the Board of Selectmen of the City of Plaquemine, Parish of Iberville, Louisiana, without objection from the residents therein, to amend the Legislative Charter of the City of Plaquemine to authorize the Mayor and the Board of Selectmen to provide for the offices of City Collector, Clerk, Treasurer, and City Attorney/Prosecutor;

WHEREAS, pursuant to La. R.S. 33:1181, the City of Plaquemine has submitted these desired amendments to the Governor, who has submitted them to the Attorney General for his opinion;

WHEREAS, the Attorney General is of the opinion that the proposed amendments are consistent with the constitution and laws of the United States and of this state; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has approved these proposed amendments.

NOW THEREFORE I, JOHN BEL EDWARDS, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby approve the amendments proposed by the Mayor and Board of Selectmen of the City of Plaquemine, Parish of Iberville, and do order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: The following sections of the Legislative Charter for the City of Plaquemine, a municipality of the State of Louisiana, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 7. Election of designated city officers; combining offices authorized; terms of office; oath of office; bond requirements; officers subject to authority of mayor and board.

The Board of Selectmen/Selectwomen-elect, shall within ten days after being commissioned, assemble, qualify and proceed to the election of suitable persons for the positions of City Collector, Clerk and Treasurer, and City Attorney/Prosecutor. The offices of Collector, Clerk, and Treasurer may be combined in one*. The officers elected as herein above provided for shall hold their offices for the same term of the Mayor and Board, and shall take and subscribe an oath for the faithful performance of their duty, and give security in such sum as may be required by the Board, and be at all times subject to the directions of the Mayor and regulations of the Board of Selectmen established for the Government of the same in the performance of their respective duties assigned to them. Such Officers shall be subject to termination by the Board at any time for cause.

Sec. 7(a) Method of appointment of City Collector, Clerk, Treasurer and City Attorney/Prosecutor.

The Mayor shall solicit and receive applications for the positions of City Collector, Clerk, Treasurer and City Attorney/Prosecutor and shall forward them to the Board along with recommendations. The Board will accept or reject the recommendations of the Mayor. If after the failure of an appointment after two recommendations, the Board itself shall thereafter appoint by majority vote the positions from the list of applicants.”

“Sec. 10(a). - City Attorney/Prosecutor, powers and duties; salary.

The City Attorney/Prosecutor of said Town [City] of Plaquemine, shall act as the chief legal officer of the City of Plaquemine, providing legal consultation and advice to the Mayor and Board, Police Department and all Departments of the City of Plaquemine and shall represent the City in all suits and proceedings before State and Federal Court and administrative agencies. The City Attorney shall also prosecute all traffic, misdemeanor, and Juvenile criminal charges in the City Court of Plaquemine. The City Attorney/ Prosecutor shall receive such salary and benefits as said Board may fix.”

SECTION 2: Section 13-7 of the Legislative Charter for the City of Plaquemine, a municipality of the State of Louisiana, is amended to read as follows:

“Seventh: The Mayor and Board of Selectmen/Selectwomen shall fix the amount of the bonds to be given by the Town [City] officers and Department Heads from whom bonds are or may be required; to fix the Salaries or compensation of all officers, persons and Department Heads employed by them; to define the duties and to fix the Term of office of such employees as they may elect, and to remove for cause anyone of the employees appointed by the said Mayor and Board; to fix their own compensation and to impose such fines as they may deem proper upon themselves for nonattendance of the meetings of the Board. The Board may set forth by ordinance the Powers and Duties of the Mayor regarding the supervision, hiring, firing, discipline and termination of City Employees, including Department heads.”



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge on this 17th day of November, 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Bel Edwards", written over a horizontal line.

GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY
OF STATE

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. L. Edwards", written over a horizontal line.

SECRETARY OF STATE