

CITY ORDINANCE NO. CO-138-2025

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE LAFAYETTE CITY COUNCIL AMENDING ORDINANCE
NO. O-319-99 OF THE LAFAYETTE CITY-PARISH COUNCIL CONCERNING THE
LAFAYETTE MARDI GRAS ACTIVITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Lafayette City Council, that:

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. O-319-99 was adopted on November 16, 1999, by the Lafayette City-Parish Council ("Ordinance No. O-319-99"); and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. O-319-99 formed the Lafayette Mardi Gras Activities Advisory Committee (the "Committee"), which consists of three (3) members; and

WHEREAS, as stated in Section 6 of Ordinance No. O-319-99, the Committee was formed for the purpose of "meet[ing] and, with input from participating krewes, discuss[ing] the staging of all Mardi Gras activities in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana and then . . . to make its recommendations" to the Lafayette City Council, as successor to the Lafayette City-Parish Council "concerning the staging of those activities" in the City of Lafayette; and

WHEREAS, the Lafayette City Council desires to amend Ordinance No. O-319-99 to enlarge the Committee to nine (9) members and to require that any changes to parade routes or events and any activities that require permits must be approved by resolution of the Lafayette City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Lafayette City Council, that:

SECTION 1: All of the aforescribed "Whereas" clauses are adopted as part of this ordinance.

SECTION 2: Section 3 of Ordinance No. O-319-99 pertaining to the *Number of Members* on the Committee is hereby amended and the Committee shall consist of nine (9) members.

SECTION 3: Section 4 of Ordinance No. O-319-99 pertaining to the *Method of Appointment* is hereby amended to read in its entirety, as follows:

"The members of the Lafayette Mardi Gras Activities Advisory Committee shall be one (1) appointment by the Greater Southwest Louisiana Mardi Gras Association; one (1) appointment by the Lafayette Mardi Gras Festival, Inc.; one (1) member from the Krewe of Carnivale en Rio; one (1) member from the association known as the Independent; one (1) member from the Lafayette Centre Development District; two (2) members representing the communities of Freetown/Port Rico, McComb/Veazey, and LaPlace and one (1) member appointed by the Lafayette City Council; and the Lafayette Chief of Police or his/her designee. The Chief of Police or his/her designee will represent the overall interests of the City of Lafayette not only in terms of the Police Department and its security issues but also the issues that other departments manage in staging the Mardi Gras activities and supporting the same, such as, but not limited to, the functions of the Department of Public Works, the Utilities

Department, the Lafayette Fire Department, the Community Development and Planning Department and any such other departments and their involvement in any fashion with the staging of Mardi Gras activities. Each appointing association and the Chief of Police shall communicate their respective appointments, in writing, to the Lafayette Clerk of the Councils and the name of the appointee shall be memorialized on a Lafayette City Council agenda.”

SECTION 4: Section 6 of Ordinance No. O-319-99 concerning the *Function of Committee* is hereby amended to read in its entirety, as follows:

“The Committee is to meet and, with input from participating krewes, discuss the staging of all Mardi Gras activities in the City of Lafayette and then is to make its recommendations to the Lafayette City Council concerning the staging of those activities. Any proposed changes to the parade routes or events as existed in the immediate previous year must be approved by resolution of the Lafayette City Council. All Mardi Gras parade activities or events requiring permits must also be approved by resolution of the Lafayette City Council.”

SECTION 5: All provisions of this ordinance shall take full force and effect commencing with the 2026 Mardi Gras season and continuing through subsequent years thereafter.

SECTION 6: All ordinances or resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 7: This ordinance shall become effective upon signature of the Lafayette Mayor-President, the elapse of ten (10) days after receipt by the Lafayette Mayor-President without signature or veto, or upon an override of a veto, whichever occurs first.

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ORDINANCE NO. O-319-99

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE LAFAYETTE CITY-PARISH COUNCIL
FORMING THE LAFAYETTE MARDI GRAS ACTIVITIES ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, Mardi Gras activities in Lafayette, Louisiana are an important cultural, social and economic event every year; and

WHEREAS, during the course of those Mardi Gras activities, Lafayette is the site of numerous parades, festivals and other such public events; and

WHEREAS, the Lafayette City-Parish Council wishes to foster and encourage the coordination of all such Mardi Gras activities for all parties concerned; and

WHEREAS, in order to coordinate Mardi Gras activities, the City-Parish Council believes it is necessary to appoint an Advisory Committee to meet and discuss the staging of Mardi Gras activities and then to make recommendations to the Lafayette City-Parish Council concerning all such Mardi Gras activities; and accordingly

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Lafayette City-Parish Council that:

SECTION 1: "WHEREAS" CLAUSES ADOPTED All of the aforescribed "Whereas" clauses are adopted as part of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2: FORMATION The Lafayette City-Parish Council does hereby form the Lafayette Mardi Gras Activities Advisory Committee.

SECTION 3: NUMBER OF MEMBERS The Committee shall consist of three (3) members. Any member to be appointed must be a registered voter and domiciled in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana at the time of his/her appointment and he/she must remain a registered voter and domiciled in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana during his/her term of office. All members shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

SECTION 4: METHOD OF APPOINTMENT The members of the Lafayette Mardi Gras Activities Advisory Committee shall be one (1) appointment by the Greater Southwest Louisiana Mardi Gras Association; one (1) appointment by the Lafayette Mardi Gras Association and the Lafayette Chief of Police or his designee. The Chief of Police or his designee will represent the overall interests of the City-Parish not only in terms of the Police Department and its security issues but also the issues that other City-Parish departments manage in staging the Mardi Gras activities and supporting the same, such as, but not limited to, the functions of the Department of Public Works, the Utilities Department, the Fire Department, the Planning, Zoning and Codes Department and any such

other departments and their involvement in any fashion with the staging of Mardi Gras activities. Each Association and the Chief of Police shall communicate their respective appointments, in writing, to the Clerk of the Lafayette City-Parish Council and the name of the appointee shall be memorialized on an appropriate Council agenda.

SECTION 5: TERM LIMITS All members of the Committee shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority. Subject to the foregoing, all of the appointees shall continue to serve until the expiration date of their appointment. Each appointment shall be made on an annual basis.

SECTION 6: FUNCTION OF COMMITTEE The Committee is to meet and, and with input from participating krewes, discuss the staging of all Mardi Gras activities in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana and then is to make its recommendations to the Lafayette City-Parish Council concerning the staging of those activities.

SECTION 7: MEETINGS The Committee shall meet regularly at a date and time to be fixed by the Committee. The Committee shall meet in a special meeting at any time upon the call of the Chairman, the City-Parish President, the City-Parish Council or upon a written request of any two (2) Committee members. The Committee may make its own rules and regulations concerning the conduct of its meeting. All meetings of the Committee shall be open to the public as provided by law.

SECTION 8: ORGANIZATION QUORUM OF THE COMMITTEE The Committee shall elect, at its first meeting and annually thereafter a Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary. The term of each office will be for one (1) year with eligibility for re-election. Two (2) members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for all purposes.

SECTION 9: REPORTS The Committee shall keep an accurate record of its meetings and shall, at least annually, give to the Lafayette City-Parish Council both a written and oral report of the Committee's activities for the prior year. The Committee shall provide to the Clerk of the Lafayette City-Parish Council copies of the minutes of each of its meetings.

SECTION 10: LEGAL REPRESENTATION The Lafayette City-Parish attorney, or its designee, shall serve as the legal advisor to the Committee.

SECTION 11: GENERAL POLICY The Committee shall be subject to the general policy of all boards, commissions and/or agencies established by the Lafayette City-Parish Council.

SECTION 12: SEVERABILITY Shall any portion of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional by Court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining clauses shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 13: EFFECTIVE DATE This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon the signature of the Lafayette City-Parish President, the elapse of ten (10) days after receipt by the City-Parish President without signature or veto or upon the override of a veto, whichever occurs first.

SECTION 14: REPEAL All Ordinances or Resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

DISPOSITION OF ORDINANCE NO. 319-99

1. This ordinance was introduced: November 2, 1999
YEAS: Castille, Benjamin,
Broussard, Trumps,
Alexander, Schouest, Menard
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Ardoin, Williams
Final disposition by Council:
November 16, 1999
YEAS: Hebert, Castille, Williams
Benjamin, Broussard, Trumps,
Schouest, Menard
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Alexander
RECUSED/ABSTAINED: None
RECUSED/ABSTAINED: None

[Signature]
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

2. Notice of Public Hearing: This ordinance was published by Title and Notice of Public Hearing was published in the Advertiser on November 5, 1999

3. This ordinance was presented to the President for his approval on 11/17, 1999 at 1:00 o'clock P.m.

[Signature]
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

4. Disposition by President:

I hereby:

- A. Approve this ordinance, the 19 day of NOVEMBER, 1999, at 8:00 o'clock A.m.
- B. Veto this ordinance, the _____ day of _____, 1999, at _____ o'clock _____m., veto message is attached.
- C. Line item veto certain items this _____ day of _____, 1999, as noted in the attached veto message.

[Signature]
PRESIDENT

5. Returned to Council office with/without veto message on 11/17, 1999, at 10:30 o'clock A.m.

6. Reconsideration by Council (if vetoed):

On _____, 1999, the Council did/refused to readopt this ordinance after the President's veto.

[Signature]
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

7. Full Publication:

Full publication of this ordinance was made in the Advertiser on November 23, 1999.

NOTE: If no approval nor veto of President appears, and ten days have elapsed since this ordinance was presented to him for action, the same has been automatically approved.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTAL FORM

- 1) **JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST:** An Ordinance of the Lafayette City Council Amending Ordinance No. O-319-99 of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Council Concerning the Lafayette Mardi Gras Activities Advisory Committee
- 2) **ACTION REQUESTED:** Adoption of ordinance
- 3) **REQUESTED ACTION OF LAFAYETTE CITY COUNCIL:**
 - A) INTRODUCTION: November 18, 2025
 - B) FINAL ADOPTION: December 2, 2025
- 4) **DOCUMENTATION INCLUDED WITH THIS REQUEST:**
 - A) Ordinance (2 pages)
 - B) Submittal Form (1 page)
- 5) **FISCAL IMPACT:**

_____ Fiscal Impact (Explain)

_____ X _____ No Fiscal Impact

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