

Notice of Public Meeting

WASHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Special Meeting
Washington Parish Courthouse
908 Washington Street, Franklinton, Louisiana 70438
Council Chambers
Thursday, July 9, 2026 @ 4:30 PM

AGENDA:

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Invocation
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance
- 4. Roll Call
- 5. Approval of Minutes: June 15, 2026 Regular Council Meeting

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 6. Resolution No. 26-1506: Adopt a Resolution Placing a Moratorium on the Approval and/or Permitting of All Solar Panel Farms, Commercial Solar Power Plants, Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS), and Similar Energy Generation Or Storage Facilities.
- 7. Public Participation
- 8. President's Report
- 9. Council Discussion

Order of Voting	
Carley King	Steven Branch
Shawn Rice	Reginald McMasters
Kim Wagner	Joe Culpepper
Clark Harry	

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The next meeting will be held on July 13, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

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STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION No. 26-1506

**A RESOLUTION PLACING A MORATORIUM ON THE APPROVAL
AND/OR PERMITTING OF ALL SOLAR PANEL FARMS,
COMMERCIAL SOLAR POWER PLANTS, BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE
SYSTEMS (BESS), AND SIMILAR ENERGY GENERATION
OR STORAGE FACILITIES**

WHEREAS, the Washington Parish Government has the right, power and authority to enact ordinances vital to promote, protect and preserve the general welfare, safety, health, peace and good order of the Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Parish Council has passed Article 10 of the Comprehensive Development Ordinances for the Parish of Washington, which provides for Utility Scale Solar Project Facility Standards; and

WHEREAS, since the passage of Article 10 of the Comprehensive Development Ordinances for the Parish of Washington, technological advancements in utility scale solar projects have occurred in the industry, including but not limited to the development of on-site battery energy storage systems (BESS), and other similar energy generation, transmission, and storage technologies; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Parish Council finds it necessary to review and modernize its existing ordinances regarding Utility Scale Solar Facility Standards to address advancements in technology; and

WHEREAS, the general welfare, safety, health, peace and good order of the Parish are served by instituting a temporary moratorium on the approval and/or permitting of new solar panel farm projects, commercial solar power plants, battery energy storage systems (BESS), and similar energy generation facilities pending review and amendment of the existing Utility Scale Solar Project Facility Standards; and

WHEREAS, this moratorium applies to the issuance and/or approval of new permits and/or new expansion projects and does not affect utility scale solar project facilities that are currently permitted or in operation;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington Parish Council hereby places a moratorium on the approval and/or permitting of all new construction, expansion, or development of all solar panel farms, commercial solar power plants, battery energy storage systems (BESS), and other similar utility-scale energy generation or energy storage facilities on all property within the jurisdiction of Washington Parish Government, excluding state-owned land, for a period of ninety (90) days unless further extended or terminated sooner by action of the Council.

The above and foregoing having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereupon resulted as follows:

YEAS: ()

NAYS: ()

ABSENT: ()

ABSTAIN: ()

The resolution was declared adopted on the ____ day of July, 2026.

WASHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

By:_____
Reginald McMasters, Council Chairman

WASHINGTON PARISH GOVERNMENT

By:_____
Ryan Seal, Parish President

CERTIFICATION

I, JESSE APPLEWHITE, CLERK TO THE WASHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the Washington Parish Council, in special session convened on the ____ day of July 2026 at which meeting a quorum was present.

Clerk
Washington Parish Council