

2025 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 237

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

BLIGHTED PROPERTY. Provides for the authority of the city of Lafayette and Lafayette Parish to adopt ordinances, rules, and regulations related to dilapidated and dangerous structures. (8/1/25)

1 AN ACT  
2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4754(A)(1), relative to municipalities and parishes; to provide  
3 relative to blighted property; to provide relative to the city of Lafayette and Lafayette  
4 Parish; to provide relative to the removal, securing, condemnation, and demolition  
5 of dilapidated and dangerous structures; to provide relative to the adoption of  
6 ordinances, rules, and regulations; and to provide for related matters.

7 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 33:4754(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §4754. Liens for removal and securing dangerous structures; maintenance of  
11 property; interest; certain parishes and municipalities; assistance of  
12 national guard

13 A.(1) The governing authority of the parish of Ouachita, Caddo, LaSalle,  
14 Grant, Lafourche, Catahoula, Vermilion, Plaquemines, St. Mary, Webster, DeSoto,  
15 Washington, Tangipahoa, Iberia, Ascension, St. James, St. John the Baptist,  
16 Natchitoches, Assumption, Cameron, Terrebonne, Beauregard, St. Landry, or St.  
17 Tammany, the governing authority of any municipality within one of said parishes,

1 the governing authority of the city of Alexandria, Leesville, **Lafayette**, or  
 2 Shreveport, and the governing authority of Acadia Parish, **Lafayette Parish**, or  
 3 Calcasieu Parish may adopt ordinances, rules, and regulations in order to secure or  
 4 cause to be secured any building or other structure situated within the respective  
 5 parish or municipality, which, by reason of its nature or condition, endangers the  
 6 public welfare or safety.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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DIGEST

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Present law (R.S. 33:4754) provides that the governing authority of certain enumerated parishes and municipalities may adopt ordinances, rules, and regulations in order to secure or cause to be secured any building or other structure situated within the respective parish or municipality, which endangers the public welfare or safety.

Proposed law retains present law and includes the city of Lafayette and Lafayette Parish to the parishes and municipalities authorized to adopt ordinances, rules and regulations related to the removal, securing, condemnation, and demolition of dilapidated and dangerous structures.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Amends R.S. 33:4754(A)(1))