

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 631

BY REPRESENTATIVE DUPLESSIS

PROPERTY: Provides relative to enforcement of local ordinances

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 13:2575(A)(3), relative to administrative adjudication for code and ordinance  
3 violations; to provide relative to the authority of municipalities and parishes; and to  
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 13:2575(A)(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §2575. Blighted or abandoned property; public health, housing, fire code, building  
8 code and certain other ordinance violations; administrative adjudication;  
9 procedure; appeal; penalties

10 A.

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12 (3) The provisions of this Section are intended to be a grant of supplemental  
13 authority to achieve the objectives, and to do so in the manner provided in this  
14 Section. Nothing in this Section shall be construed as a limitation on any other  
15 power or authority a parish or municipality may have:

16 (a) To adopt and enforce ordinances for the health, safety, and welfare of its  
17 people.

18 (b) To establish and use administrative adjudication procedures for violations  
19 of public health, housing, fire code, environmental, building code, zoning, historic  
20 district, permitting, vegetation, and nuisance ordinance.

1                   (c) To enforce health, safety, and welfare laws and ordinances and seek to  
2                   eliminate blighted property, unsafe structures and equipment, unlawful structures and  
3                   structures unfit for human occupancy, housing violations, or public nuisances in any  
4                   court of competent jurisdiction.

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# DIGEST

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## Duplessis

**Abstract:** Provides relative to the authority of municipalities and parishes with respect to civil fines and adjudication procedures for blighted or abandoned property and violations of local ordinances.

Present law authorizes any municipality or parish to prescribe civil fines for blighted property, abandoned property, or violation of public health, housing, fire code, environmental, and historic district ordinances. Further authorizes any municipality or parish to establish an administrative adjudication hearing procedure for violations of such ordinances.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that the provisions of present law are intended to be a grant of supplemental authority to achieve the objectives, and to do so in the manner, provided in present law. Further provides that nothing in present law shall be construed as a limitation on any other power or authority a parish or municipality may have:

- (a) To adopt and enforce ordinances for the health, safety, and welfare of its people.
- (b) To establish and use administrative adjudication procedures for violations of public health, housing, fire code, environmental, building code, zoning, historic district, permitting, vegetation, and nuisance ordinance.
- (c) To enforce health, safety, and welfare laws and ordinances and seek to eliminate blighted property, unsafe structures and equipment, unlawful structures and structures unfit for human occupancy, housing violations, or public nuisances in any court of competent jurisdiction.

(Adds R.S. 13:2575(A)(3))