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How to Legally Incorporate a Black Self-Governed Community in Louisiana

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We Only Need 200 People In Louisiana to Start our Own Black Community

If we want to establish a self-governed Black community in Louisiana, we must follow the state's municipal incorporation process.

Here's a step-by-step guide to break it down in a way that our people can understand and take action.



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Make Sure the Area Qualifies for Incorporation

Louisiana allows unincorporated areas (areas not part of a city or town) with at least 200 people to become a municipality (a legally recognized town or city).

✓ What We Need:

At least 200 people living in the area - so we need to buy residential land and get manufactured homes delivered.

A defined land area (clear borders)

A plan for public services (water, roads, police, trash pickup, etc.)

Why This Matters:

Once we incorporate, we control our own government, taxes, and laws instead of being under an outside city or parish.

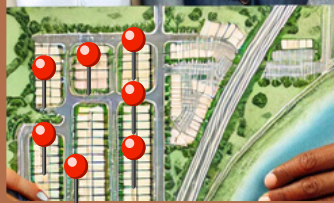


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Create an Incorporation Petition (Our Official Request)

We need to write a legal petition asking the Louisiana government to recognize our new town. This document must include:

- ✓ A Legal Description & Map → Clearly show the land we are claiming.
- ✓ Population Count → We must prove there are at least 200 people living in the area.
- ✓ Property Value Assessment → We need an estimate of how much land and buildings in the area are worth.
- ✓ Plan for Public Services → Explain how we will provide basic services (water, roads, trash, security).



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✓ Proposed Name of the Town → Choose a name for our self-governed community.

✓ Community Leaders → Appoint a chairperson and vice-chairperson to represent us.

Why This Matters:

This petition is our legal request to exist as a town and govern ourselves.



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File the Petition With the Secretary of State

Before we start gathering signatures, we must submit our petition to the Louisiana Secretary of State.

✓ What Happens Next:

The Secretary of State reviews the petition.

Within 10 business days, they notify us if we can proceed. Once approved, we can start collecting signatures.

Why This Matters:

Without approval, we can't collect signatures, and the incorporation will be rejected.



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Collect Signatures From 25% of Residents

We must get signatures from at least 25% of registered voters who live in the area.

✓ How to Do This:

Go door-to-door and explain why we need to incorporate.

Use voter registration records to make sure we collect valid signatures.

Submit signatures before the deadline.

Why This Matters:
This proves that the people living in the community want to govern themselves.



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Submit Everything & Prepare for the Vote

Once we have all the signatures, we submit them for verification.

If everything checks out, the government sets a date for a public vote.

✓ If more than 50% of voters approve, the area becomes an official municipality.

Why This Matters:
This is our final step to becoming a self-governed Black town in Louisiana.



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What Happens After Incorporation?

Once our town is officially incorporated, we gain legal authority to:

Elect Black leadership (mayor, city council, police chief).

Create and enforce our own local laws.

Control local tax revenue (instead of money going to outside governments).

Secure federal and state funding for infrastructure.

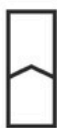
✓ We are no longer controlled by outside city officials.

✓ We make decisions that benefit our people directly.



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