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Beauregard Town is a turn-of-the-century, predominantly residential district, with a small warehouse district known as "Catfish Town" located in the southeast corner along the Mississippi River. The boundaries encompass the surviving historic structures in an area which originated as a grandiose Baroque city plan which was drawn up in 1806, under the auspices of Elias Beauregard.

The plan consisted of a 9 by 12 block area with a central cathedral square, and 4 radiating diagonal streets leading to 4 ancillary public squares. (see attached copy of old plan) The ancillary squares were never executed and in the early 20th century the central cathedral square was covered with structures and Government Street cut through it. Today the only major feature of the Beauregard plan which remains is the radiating diagonal streets which cut strong vistas through the district. Government Street, once the "grand rue" of the plan, was largely redeveloped in the post 1950 period with large commercial structures of one or two stories with large parking lots. This area has been excluded from the district.

1. Catfish Town

Catfish Town consists of five two-story brick warehouses which date from the late 19th or early 20th centuries. The warehouses are closely placed and form an effective barrier between the residential area and the River. The buildings are simple, massive and low, with shallow brick arches above some of the windows.

2. The Residential Area

The residential area, which is by far the larger of the two principal areas in Beauregard Town, consists of modest one and two-story buildings with four monuments of focal points. The residential buildings are spaced so closely that the distance between the houses is less than the average facade width. They have an average lawn setback of 10-15 feet. The average street width is 22 feet. This makes for intimate street scapes and spaces. Approximately 80% of the houses have front porches. This creates pockets of space beyond the house fronts which enhances the complexity and interest of the street scape spaces. Approximately 80% of the houses have one story, the rest two.

There are four basic residential styles exhibited in Beauregard Town. A few of the houses exhibit Eastlake details, one of which is quite elaborate with spoke wheel fan forms. There are a number of two-story frame houses, most of which have some form of turn-of-the-century Colonial Revival detailing. Similar millwork appears on many of the shotgun houses and bungalows. A smaller number have Eastlake columns and brackets. In addition, there are a fair number of late 19th Century raised cottages, with either Eastlake, Colonial Revival, or plain details. Only about 1% of the buildings could be classified as intrustions. Generally these are one-story brick commercial buildings whose visual impact is minor. There are virtually no incidences of buildings being re-sided or having their porches or other details removed.

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The greater part of Beauregard Town is locally outstanding turn-of-thecentury middle class residential area, certainly the finest surviving example in East Baton Rouge Parish. The designated area has an intimate scale, an unusual purity and an unusually high incidence of intact structures. There is almost no re-siding and almost no incidence of lost or removed architectural details. In addition, many of the structures are garnished with turned columns, brackets, barge boards, ballustrades in various styles. Buildings of this type occur in sufficient quantity to characterize the district with a variety and richness which is unattainable in an area composed of simple workers houses.

Beauregard Town enjoys a lesser degree of significance as an early 19th century community which was conceived as a Baroque City plan. All that survives of the plan are the diagonal radiating streets. Although their purpose is no longer apparent to the casual observer (except from the air) they do cut strong vistas through the townscape.

In 1799 Elias Beauregard probably conceived the idea of developing a planned center of town for Baton Rouge. It was at this time the center of government for the Spanish province of West Florida. Elias Beauregard, first commissioned Iro Kneeland to design and lay out the town. Being dissatisfied with Kneeland's work, Beauregard later engaged the services of Arsene LaCarriere LaTour to plan his town. LaTour was the French engineer who was later to become Andrew Jackson's chief engineer for the battle of New Orleans. LaTour was later to write several books on military fortifications. In 1806 LaTour presented to Elias Beauregard the plan for a classically laid out community.

In 1806 a plan for the old town was designed by Elias Beauregard and the French engineer Arsene LaCarrier LaTour, in the Grand European Manner. The 9 x 12 block planned town was to have tree-lined boulevards, radiating streets and a central Cathedral Square. A Grand Rue, now known as Government Street, was to be "immediately planted with trees," according to Elias Beauregard. This major east-west axis divided the town into two parts. In the central part of the old town there was a Cathedral Square with radiating streets to the four corners of the town, thus allowing easy access to the cathedral. At the ends of the diagonal streets there were to be public institutions and open spaces. At the end of Beauregard Street there was to be a college; a hospital terminated Grandpre Street; "Calle Sr. Penalvert" linked the cathedral with the Ursuline Convent and adjacent Plaza de Mexico, with its fountain; Somerulos Street

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7. Description (cont'd)

Of the four landmarks or focal points in the district, the most impressive is the massive granite East Baton Rouge Court House. Designed in 1923 in Neo-Classical Revival Style, the building features the French device of a massive collosal collonade between two end pavilions.

The Old Governor's Mansion, built ca. 1930, somewhat resembles the White House. The stucco over masonry building features a four column portico, a curving marble stair, and a large sunken ballroom. The Old Governor's Mansion is on the site of previous Governor's mansions dating back to the mid-19th century.

The two remaining landmarks in the district are both early 20th century ecclectic gothic churches near the east end of the district. At the intersection of North and East Boulevards is the First Methodist Church, a massive ca. 1940 yellow brick basilica with limestone details. There is a low scale one-story school building in the rear which has a modern character but a minor visual impact.

The other landmark church is the Mount Zion First Baptist Church which is located at the corner of East Boulevard and Spain Street. The buff brick church has limestone details sparingly used. There is also a handsome pentagonal cast iron gothic porch with collonets, foils and capitals. This was probably salvaged from an earlier building.

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7. (Description - cont'd)

Of the approximately 455 structures within the district,

9 or about 2% date prior to 1850; 27 or about 6% date from between 1850 and 1875; 36 or about 8% date from between 1875 and 1900; 327 or about 74% date from between 1900 and 1930; 56 or about 10% date from between 1930 and the present.

(Note: These figures are not exact.)

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207-209 St. Ferdinand, modern brick, two-story and one-story, respectively. 233 St. Ferdinand, modern two-story buff brick office building.

- East Boulevard and Governments Street, tiled gas station (closed). East Boulevard and Louisiana Avenue, Mt. Zion Baptist Church School, 1953 two-story fuff brick with a few Gothic style windows but no real character.
- 919 American, First Methodist Church School, modern stylistic Gothic buff brick one-story.
- Somerulos Street and St. Charles Street, Kean's Laundry, one-story painted concrete block.

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Pictures 34, 35, 36 (marked in red arrows on the attached map) show the residences which link the two major halves of the district across Government Street. These houses are mainly influenced by the bungalow style of the 1920's. They echo style, scale and streetscape patterns found in the district as a whole.

Pictures 37 and 38 (marked in red arrows on the attached map) show the two 1930's warehouses which form the finger extension of the boundaries on the west side of Catfish Town. Although they are not fifty years old, they are linked to the warehouse character of Catfish Town by their scale, materials and fenestration. They form a part of the identity of the warehouse area and hence were included in the district.

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7. Description (cont'd)

Append to item 7:

The District's four boundaries can be seen in the following photographs.

1. The Courthouse - Photo #18

2. The Old Governor's Mansion - Photo #19

3. The First Methodist Church - Photo #20

4. The Mt. Zion Baptist Church - Photo #21

Photos 22, 23, 24, and 25 are views of Catfish Town.

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terminated at the Governor's Office and its adjacent plaza, the Plaza de las Floridas, also with a fountain. In addition to Mexico and Florida Plazas there was also a riverfront plaza called Plaza de Colomb. Also on the riverfront were markets, the King's Store and a customs office. There was a theatre along the Grand Rue bordered by St. Louis and St. Philip Streets. Terminating the Grand Rue to the east were to be a Governor's residence, troop barracks, formal gardens and a coliseum.

Anxious to begin development of his town, Captain Beauregard organized a public land auction. This was done with the consent of Carlos de Grandpre, Governor of West Florida. On July 22, 1806, lots were sold.

The land uses proposed for Beauregard Town were partially fulfilled. The public plazas were urban open spaces until expansion pressures covered them with public structures during the early 1900's.

Beauregard Town first developed as Baton Rouge's French community. There resided within families with names such as Favrot, DeGrandpre, Borbois, Heude, Granary, Arbour, Trahan, Hebert, Landry, Monget, Charotte, Templet, Legendre, Doiron, Monget and Dalcourt. Accordingly, French was the principle language in the old town. After the building of the Old State Capitol (1847-49), many other cultural groups began to move to Beauregard Town. According to General McGrath around "1860 and thereafter French was rarely heard on the streets of Beauregard Town." It was at this same time period that King Balls, the major social event among Beauregard Town's residents, also went out of fashion.

But there was still much social activity connected with the old town. Performing groups often played for Baton Rouge audiences in the House of Representatives chamber of the Old State Capitol. Steamboats left from the banks of the Mississippi for an entertaining day cruise north to Bayou Sara.

When the Civil War came in 1861, there was great outpouring of patriotism for the southern cause. This, however, was short lived and in 1862 Beauregard Town, along with the rest of Baton Rouge, was occupied by Federal troops. The area was bombarded by Union gunboats, and to prevent its recapture by Confederate troops, General Butler ordered the city destroyed. The order was never wholly carried out but it did cause the burning of some of the buildings in Beauregard Town.

After the war, the economy of Beauregard Town was stagnant. But the old economic base of the area (the cotton and lumber industries) remained and it slowly began to regenerate. By the late 19th century prosperity had been restored. Lumber and cotton was shipped via the warehouses in the

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8. Significance (cont'd)

western end of the district. It was probably this, more than anything else, that generated the richest residential redevelopment boom which peaked in Beauregard Town about the turn of the century. The prosperity was undeniable. Between 1900 and 1907 total bank deposits in Baton Rouge doubled. Property taxes increased rapidly. There were 10 industrial cotton gins operating in the area. A house in Beauregard Town which was taxed at a rate of approximately \$3.00 per year in the early 1890's was taxed at a rate of about \$9.00 per year only 10 years later. The redevelopment was characterized by modest middle and lower middle class residences. Records suggest that the people were of reasonable means and on the whole moderately well educated. Some had gone to private schools and some had attended college. There was apparently a high incidence of church attendance and people gave money to churches in liberal quantities. This is indicated by the large number of surviving receipts for donations.

Electricity made its appearance in the 1890's and street paving began in 1901, though it was not finished until many decades later. Transportation from the residential area to the center of town was provided by train trolley lines which ran up and down Government Street. The trolley barns were also located on Government Street (now demolished).

Beauregard Town was described as a quiet town at the turn-of-thecentury. There were, however, periodic social events in which many of the residents of Beauregard Town participated. There were organized picnics at the city park. There were firemen's balls in which the participants often came in costume. There were several parades a year and often fire company engines were decked out as floats. The Fourth of July was elaborately celebrated with many floats, costume balls and bazars.

Another attraction in the area was the race track in Baton Rouge which no longer exists.

A major center of activity was in the old Baton Rouge Market. The market was first located on North Boulevard at the south end of Third Street and later, in 1854, moved to the site of the existing Municipal Building, St. Ferdinand and North Boulevard.

Although the major business of the market was to sell meats and produce during the hours of 2 a.m. until 8 a.m., the market also served coffee and doughnuts at all hours, thus attracting a crowd eager for the latest political and social news. In addition the old market was used for all-night dances on special holidays.

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Standard Oil of New Jersey established a plant in northern Baton Rouge in 1909. Slowly development in the city shifted away from Beauregard Town. In the 1960's Government Street was redeveloped with large scale commercial properties which destroyed the core of old Beauregard Town. This area was therefore excluded from the nomination. By the 1960's the residential area had fallen into decay and decline. However, since the early 1970's Beauregard Town has undergone a revival of interest. Many of the old houses have been restored and converted for professional offices. The area is rapidly becoming the fashionable historic area in the city.

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10. Geographical Data

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This boundary description supercedes all other indications of the district boundaries given in the nomination.

Begin at the southwest corner of the intersection of North Boulevard and East Boulevard. Proceed south along the west side of East Boulevard to the intersection with Louisiana Avenue. Then proceed east along the south side of Louisiana Avenue to the west side of Highway 110. Then proceed generally south-ward along the west side of Highway 110 to a point 200 feet south of the south side of Europe Street. Then proceed due west to the west side of 10th Street. Then proceed northward along the west side of 10th Street to the intersection with Europe Street. Then proceed west along the south side of Europe Street to the intersection with East Boulevard. Then proceed south along the west side of East Boulevard to the intersection with Mayflower Street. Then west along the north side of Mayflower Street to the intersection with St. Ferdinand Street. Then proceed north along the east side of St. Ferdinand 50 feet. Then proceed due west to St. Louis Street, then north 10 feet along the west side of St. Louis then due west to St. Phillip Street. Then proceed north along the east side of St. Phillip Street to the intersection with Europe Street. Then proceed west along the north side of Europe ato the intersection with St. James Street. Then south along the west side of St. James to a point even with the boundary lines of city lots 3 and 4 (block 6). Then proceed west along this boundary 10/1/20 line to Front Street. Then proceed north along the east side of Front; and 55 deviate to take in lote 1 and 2 (block 6B). Then proceed to the intersection of Government Street and Front Street (southeast corner). The proceed east along the east side of Government Street to the intersection with St. Phillip Street. Then proceed south along the west side of St. Phillip to the intersection with France Street. Then proceed east along the south side of France Street to the intersection with St. Louis Street. Then proceed north along the east side of St. Louis Street to the intersection with Government Street. Then proceed east along the south side of Government to the boundary line between lots 3 and 4 (block 25). Then proceed south along this boundary to France Street. Then proceed east along the north side of France Street to the boundary line of lots 2 and 3 (block 32S). Then proceed north along this boundary line to Government Street. Then proceed east along the south side of Government Street to the boundary line between lots 3 and 4 (block Roayl Sq. S). Then proceed south along this line to France Street. Then proceed east along the north side of France Street to the boundary line between lots 5 and D (block Royal Sq. S). Proceed so as to take in lots E and 7 and return to France Street at the intersection with Napoleon. Then proceed east along the south side of France Street to the intersection with East Boulevard. Then proceed north along the west

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10. Geographical Data (cont'd)

side of East Boulevard to the intersection with Spain Street. Then proceed west along the north side of Spain Street to the intersection with Maximillian Then proceed north along the west side of Maximillian Street to the Street. boundary line between lots 7 and 8 (block 57) then proceed along this boundary and intersect with the rear property line of lots 3, 4, and 5 (block 57). Proceed south along this lot line to Spain Street. Then proceed west along the north side of Spain Street to the intersection with St. Joseph Street. Then proceed south along the west side of St. Joseph Street to Government Street. Then proceed west along the north side of Government Street to the boundary line between lots 2 and 3 (block 51N). Then proceed north along this boundary Then proceed west along the north side of Spain Street to to Spain Street the boundary line between lots 3 and 4 (block 31). Then proceed north along this boundary line and continuing in a straight line to Louisiana Avneue. Then proceed west along the north side of Louisiana Avenue to the intersection with St. Louis Street. Then proceed north along the east side of St. Louis Street to the intersection with America Street. Then proceed east along the south side of America Street to the intersection with St. Ferdinand Street. Then proceed north along the east side of St. Ferdinand Street to the boundary line between lots 2 and 3 (block #29). Then proceed east along this boundary line and continue in a straigh line to St. Charles Street. Then proceed north along the east side of St. Charles Street to the intersection with North Boulevard. Then proceed east along the south side of North Boulevard to the starting point.

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Boundary Justification

The original Beauregard Plan consisted of a nine by twelve block grid which had four squares connected by four diagonal avenues with a central cathedral square. (See attached plan.) However, only part of this area is being nominated to the Register. This is because the area was surveyed by the State Historic Preservation Office staff and boundaries were drawn to only include:

- 1) those buildings which were fifty years old; and
- 2) those features of Beauregard's plan which are still extant.

The rest of the nine by twelve block area was excluded because these areas have nothing left to preserve. This is particularly true of the Government Street corridor whose recent total redevelopment has given it the character of a 1960's commercial strip. It is also true of the area south of Mayflower Street. Much of this area was cleared to provide access ramps for the Mississippi River bridge. A portion of this area is occupied by the sprawling Louisiana School for the Deaf, a 1940's brick building which is encircled by modern appendages.

The area also contains some small frame residences. These, however, are badly deteriorated, and many do not appear to be 50 years old. In addition they do not maintain the quality of the district either in terms of continuous grouping, age, or architectural refinement. In fact, they have the overall character of a shanty town.

Finally, the northwestern portion of the original nine by twelve block area has been excluded because it is now occupied by a new, brutalist civic and convention center.











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- Section 1: Beauregard Town Historic District (Boundary Expansion and Additional Documentation)
- Section 2: Roughly bounded by Mayflower on the north, Interstate 10 on the south, South 10th Street on the east, and Royal and St. Charles streets on the west.
- Section 3: SHPO CERTIFICATION:

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets the National Register Criteria.

Jonathan Fricker, LA Deputy SHPO Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism

Section 5: Number of resources within property:

Add 43 contributing buildings from boundary expansion Add 12 non-contributing buildings from boundary expansion Add 11 contributing buildings in existing district (as result of updating period of significance) and subtract 11 non-contributing buildings

Revised number of contributing resources previously listed in Register:

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BEAUREGARD TOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT BOUNDARY INCREASE AND ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

The purpose of this submission is twofold: 1) to extend the boundaries of the Beauregard Town Historic District and 2) to update its period of significance to the current fifty year cutoff (1949). The update is being undertaken at the request of a property owner because of the possibility of a tax credit project on a home (currently standing just outside the district's boundaries) being converted to professional office use.

Beauregard Town was platted in 1806 with a grandiose Baroque city plan composed of four diagonal avenues cutting across a grid of perpendicular streets. However, the neighborhood did not experience major development until the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries -- a small warehouse district on the west end; a few institutional buildings such as a courthouse, schools and churches scattered about; and dwellings everywhere else. The existing form in its opening statement incorrectly identifies Beauregard Town as a turn-of-the-century neighborhood. A more correct analysis is found later in the breakdown by period, which finds that about 74% of the district's approximately 455 buildings date from between 1900 and 1930. Survey work for this addendum revealed that nineteen buildings in Beauregard Town survive from the 1930s and 40s, several of which are notable landmarks. (Of the nineteen total, eleven are in the existing district and eight in the boundary expansion.)

The existing nomination form is correct in stating that the majority of Beauregard Town's residences are modest. They include Queen Anne Revival and Colonial Revival cottages, fairly standard bungalows, and shotguns. Although the neighborhood remains at least 50% residential, its proximity to downtown and, most especially, to the courthouse, has resulted in the rehabilitation of a number of its houses for commercial and professional uses.

Boundary Increase

Beauregard Town was listed on the National Register in 1980. It appears that the present boundaries can be attributed largely to the then 50 year cutoff (1930). Three less than fifty year old institutional complexes at the southeast corner of Beauregard Town seemed to have defined the boundaries (see map): the Louisiana School for the Deaf on Mayflower, an impressive assemblage of Classical Revival Beauregard Town Historic District Boundary Expansion and Additional Documentation Name of property

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55. Contributing Element. 704 Mayflower. Louisiana School for the Deaf, Vocational Building and Boys Dorm, 1939. Large two-story brick building in the Classical Revival style.

Updating Period of Significance

(New ending date of 1949)

When Beauregard Town was listed in the National Register in 1980, the fifty year cutoff would have been 1930. At that time buildings constructed or substantially remodeled past 1930 were considered non-historic. However, as mentioned above, houses, apartments and schools were still being constructed in the area during the 1930s and 1940s. In fact, a field survey by the National Register staff identified nineteen buildings in Beauregard Town from this period - eleven in the existing district and eight in the proposed boundary expansion. They were dated by using architectural evidence, a Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map (1923, updated to 1950), city directories and, in two cases, conversations with persons very familiar with the properties. Although some of these buildings are unstyled residences, several are landmarks whose size, scale and different styles make a significant contribution to the architectural character of a neighborhood characterized mainly by low scale repetitive housing stock. Especially important are three apartment buildings located on the district's northern end. The Prince (1940) is a two-story Moderne style building with elongated rounded bays and geometric decoration on two sides. The Lytle (c.1934) is a Colonial Revival style apartment block also two stories in height. It features two distinctive entrance surrounds, each with sidelights, a semicircular sunburst motif articulated in wood, and a cartouche. In addition, each surround is surmounted by a molded cornice. The third apartment, the 1939 Doralice, is an unusual two-story brick building combining Classical and Art Nouveau motifs with a Mansard roof. On the district's south side, the Louisiana School for the Deaf (nos. 53 - 55 in the inventory above) provides a strong architectural anchor. This group of three impressive buildings features Classical Revival motifs such as entrance pavilions, paired colossal columns, quoins, semi-circular and triangular pediments, keystones and rustication (all in limestone) and is individually eligible for Register listing. Finally, near the district's southeast corner, the 1949 St. Agnes Catholic Church (no. 5 above) provides architectural interest. It features large round arched entrances with layered brick surrounds, an arcaded roofline, and an Italian villa style campanile.