General Facts About

BOGALUSA, LOUISIANA

NAME
The name "BOGALUSA" is derived from the Indian named creek, "Bogue Lusa", which flows through the city, the definition of which is smoky or dark waters.

FOUNDED
Founded in 1906 when the lumber industry was established here. Incorporated July 4, 1914.

LOCATION
Located in Washington Parish, Louisiana, where Bogue Lusa Creek flows into the Pearl River. Bogalusa is northern terminus for Pearl River Navigation Canal. Latitude 30° 47' 00", Longitude 89° 52' 00".

CITY AREA
Totals 9.9 square miles. City has 115.7 miles of paved streets.

ELEVATION
103 feet above sea level.

CLIMATE
Mean annual temperature 67.2° F. Mean annual rainfall 59.84".

POPULATION

TYPE OF CITY
Manufacturing. Large paper, pulp, bag and box plants.

GOVERNMENT
Commission form, mayor and four commissioners, elected by voters every four years.

SCHOOLS
Public school system includes eight elementary, one junior high and one high school with total of 267 teachers and 5,221 students. Free transportation by fleet of school buses. There is also one parochial and one private school and a state-operated Vocational Technical School. School Board composed of 5 members, elected by the voters every 4 years.

CHURCHES
Churches of the major denominations located throughout the city.

HOSPITALS
Bogalusa Community Medical Center, Washington-St. Tammany Charity Hospital and private clinics provide adequate hospital facilities.
RECREATION
Cassidy Park and playgrounds, modern country club, two YMCA's with swimming pools and full youth programs, YWCA, abundant fishing, hunting, golfing, theatres, little theatre group, football, baseball, basketball, gym, swimming and other sports.

FINANCIAL
Three banking institutions in nine locations, a building and loan association and several other financial establishments.

RADIO-PRESS
One daily newspaper and two radio broadcasting stations.

AIRPORT
Lighted 3,600-foot asphalt runway.

CITY SERVICES
Regular police and fire protection, water, sewerage, garbage pick-up, street and alley upkeep, etc.

UTILITIES
Louisiana Power & Light Company (electricity), Entex, Inc. (natural gas), South Central Bell Telephone Company (telephone), Western Union Telegraph Company (telegrams), and various local utilities. City water, naturally soft and pure, is drawn from 10 deep wells capable of producing 15.6 million gallons per day. Modern sewerage disposal system serves more than 95% of city.

TRANSPORTATION
Illinois Central Gulf Railroad, several motor freight lines, two interstate bus lines, taxicab service, air transportation, Pearl River Waterway.

HIGHWAYS
Louisiana Highways 10 and 21 intersect at Bogalusa. One hour drive to New Orleans via Lake Ponchartrain Causeway.

LIBRARIES
Spacious branch of Washington Parish Library.

TAX RATE
Totals 93 1/4 mills. Current practice is to assess at 14.1% of true market value.

ASSESSED VALUATION
Total $33,710,480.00.

SHOPPING
First-class shopping facilities serving wide trade area. Modern restaurants provide excellent food.

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