

Jefferson Parish Office of Inspector General



2010

Parish Officials Resigned Under Federal Investigation

Between January and March, the Parish President, the Parish Attorney, and the Chief Administrative Officer resigned under pending federal investigation involving conspiracy to commit bribery, wire fraud, and theft. Later, they pleaded guilty and/or were convicted.

Advisory Committee for Office of Inspector General Created

The Parish Council passed Resolution 113859 and established the Advisory Committee for the Establishment of an Office of Inspector General. State law was amended to support establishing an office in Jefferson Parish. In September, the Committee recommended establishing an office with the **broadest authority** possible to investigate.

2011

Ordinance to Establish Office of Inspector General Passed

The Parish Council passed Ordinance 24011 and established the Office of Inspector General with broad power and authority to provide increased accountability of parish government. The ordinance also established the Ethics and Compliance Commission to appoint the Inspector General and to adjudicate violations of the local code of ethics.

Voters Approved Office of Inspector General and Dedicated Funding

Voters approved amendments to the Parish Charter to establish an Office of Inspector General and an Ethics and Compliance Commission. Voters also approved a dedicated millage to fund these functions.

Inspector General Appointed

The Ethics and Compliance Commission appointed the first Inspector General for Jefferson Parish. The Office of Inspector General published its first report in September 2013, an investigation into the privatization of the Parish's two hospitals.

2013-present

Inspector General Authority Limited

The Inspector General's access to Parish emails was temporarily denied in December 2013. The Inspector General ordinance was amended to permanently **limit access** to all Parish records and subject access to the Parish Attorney in December 2019. Voters renewed the dedicated millage in November 2020. The Inspector General continues reporting upon fraud, waste, and abuse to Parish citizens today.