

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO.: C-6932

COUNCIL SPONSOR: MR. IMPASTATO

PROVIDED BY: CIVIL DISTRICT ATTORNEY’S OFFICE

ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2024

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE TO ADDRESS REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER HOUSING AND TRANSITIONAL FACILITIES AND TO PROTECT VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES IN ST. TAMMANY PARISH.

WHEREAS, there has been a proliferation of facilities housing large numbers of registered sex offenders in St. Tammany Parish; and,

WHEREAS, on April 4, 2024, the St. Tammany Parish Council adopted Ordinance Calendar No. 7530 to require a permit for transitional facilities in St. Tammany Parish housing registered sex offenders; and,

WHEREAS, there is a known risk of recidivism among registered sex offenders and high concentrations of registered sex offenders pose a greater public safety threat to vulnerable communities living near these facilities; and,

WHEREAS, in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of St. Tammany Parish, a task force should be established whereby public safety stakeholders, including representatives from Parish Government, law enforcement, the Office of Parole and Probation, the District Attorney, the judiciary, and the local legislative delegation, address the concerns posed by transitional facilities and to identify any other vulnerabilities related to sex offender housing that may pose a risk to our community; and,

WHEREAS, the task force will advise Parish Government on how best to implement the transitional facilities ordinance, as well as make recommendations to the Parish Council of any other regulations which may protect vulnerable communities from risks posed by large concentrations of registered sex offenders.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES to establish a task force to protect vulnerable communities and to address concerns related to housing of registered sex offenders in St. Tammany Parish. The task force shall be made up of government and public safety officials including: (1) representatives from the St. Tammany Parish Council; (2) representatives from St. Tammany Parish Government, including the Director of Planning and Development and the Director of Permits, or their assignees; (3) representatives from law enforcement, including the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff’s Office and local police agencies; (4) representatives from the Office of Probation and Parole; (5) the 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District Attorney, or his assignee; (5) representatives from the 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District Court; and (6) local representatives from the state legislative delegation.

MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY: \_\_\_\_\_ SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2024 AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

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ARTHUR LAUGHLIN, COUNCIL CHAIR

ATTEST:

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KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, COUNCIL CLERK