

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE CALENDAR NO. 7470AA

ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO.: 24-

COUNCIL SPONSOR: MR. COUGLE/MR. CORBIN

PROVIDED BY: COUNCIL STAFF

INTRODUCED BY: MR. COUGLE

SECONDED BY: MR. CORBIN

ON THE 11TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2024

ORDINANCE TO AMEND ST. TAMMANY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADD SECTION 40-41. BOIL WATER ADVISORY NOTIFICATION TO REQUIRE A BOIL WATER ADVISORY TO BE ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WHERE PRESSURE IN THE SYSTEM LINES DROP BELOW 20 PSI OR RECORDED CHLORAMINE RESIDUAL (MEASURED AS TOTAL CHLORINE) IS LESS THAN 0.5 MG/L IN DISTRICTS 9 AND 13.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend and add ordinance Section 40-41 to require Boil Water Advisories to be issued by the Department of Utilities; and,

WHEREAS, a report issued by Owen and White, dated October 22, 2021, entitled "Chloramine Audit of Cross Gates and Meadow Lake Public Water Supplies," issued at the request of St. Tammany Parish Government, provides recommendations to improve the operations of the Department of Utilities' water systems in Districts 9 and 13; and,

WHEREAS, in order to ensure that boil water advisory notices are given immediately to the affected areas and customers therein, upon either the recording of a system pressure of less than 20 psi or a chloramine residual (measured as total chlorine) of less than 0.5 mg/l, it is necessary to include these recommendations as part of the requirements for the operations of the Department of Utilities; and,

WHEREAS, the required notification is necessary to protect the public health and the environment with regard to the Department of Utilities' water systems in Districts 9 and 13 of St. Tammany Parish and, as such, should be required and added by an amendment to the St. Tammany Parish Code of Ordinances.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY ORDAINS that, the St. Tammany Parish Code of Ordinances is amended to include Section 40-41, to provide as follows:

Sec. 40-41. Boil Water Advisory Notification.

- (1) For all water systems owned and operated by the Department of Utilities, required testing of said systems shall be conducted as mandated by state and federal law.
- (2) With regard to the issuance of a boil water advisory, the Department of Utilities shall adopt the recommendations provided in the report issued by Owen and White, at the request of St. Tammany Parish Government, dated October 22, 2021, entitled "Chloramine Audit of Cross Gates and Meadow Lake Public Water Supplies," as operating procedures for the Department of Utilities' water systems.
- (3) In Districts 9 and 13 of St. Tammany Parish, as such districts are comprised as of the effective date of this Ordinance, it is required that:
 - a. a boil water advisory shall be immediately issued upon either the recording of a system pressure of less than 20 psi or any recorded chloramine residual (measured as total chlorine) of less than 0.5 mg/l;
 - b. the boil water advisory shall be issued for all areas affected and, in order to properly document the area of impact, system pressures and chloramine (measured as total chlorine) samples shall be taken immediately upstream and

- downstream of the affected locations until all affected areas are identified and customers therein are notified immediately;
- c. due to difficulty in identifying limits of low pressure points in a timely manner in certain loss of pressure situations, boil water advisory notifications must be conservative and out of an abundance of caution shall include customers well beyond the suspected areas; and
 - d. the recording of a pressure of less than 20 psi at the wells, signifying a loss of 20 psi throughout the entire distribution system, shall require an immediate boil water advisory notice to all customers;

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY FURTHER ORDAINS that, as of the effective date of the adoption of this ordinance, the Parish Code of Ordinances are hereby amended to include Section 40-41. Boil Water Advisory Notification, requiring immediate boil water advisories when there are low system pressure readings or low chloramine (measured as total chlorine) residual readings by the Department of Utilities in water systems located in Council Districts 9 and 13, as more specifically set forth herein.

REPEAL: All ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SEVERABILITY: If any provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions herein which can be given effect without the invalid provision and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall be effective fifteen (15) days after adoption.

MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY: _____ SECONDED BY: _____

WHEREUPON THIS ORDINANCE WAS SUBMITTED TO A VOTE AND RESULTED IN THE FOLLOWING:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

THIS ORDINANCE WAS DECLARED DULY ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ON THE 8TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024; AND BECOMES ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO. 24-_____.

ARTHUR LAUGHLIN, COUNCIL CHAIR

ATTEST:

KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, COUNCIL CLERK

MICHAEL B. COOPER, PARISH PRESIDENT

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