

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO: C-6860

COUNCIL SPONSOR: DEAN

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RESOLUTION TO CONCLUDE THE INVESTIGATION AND REVIEW, INCLUDING CORRECTIVE ACTIONS TAKEN TO PREVENT SIMILAR ISSUES IN THE FUTURE, ORIGINALLY CONVENED BY RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO. C-6775 ON JUNE 01, 2023, INTO THE MANNER IN WHICH THE PROPOSED COVINGTON TRACE RIDGE APARTMENTS DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN PROCESSED. (DEAN)

WHEREAS, Parish Council Resolution C-6775 called for an investigation, duly authorized by the Parish Charter, into the process utilized by the Parish Administration under the control and supervision of the Parish President regarding the project known as the Covington Trace Ridge Apartment Project; and

WHEREAS, the investigation consisted of the extensive review of multiple public records requests produced by the St. Tammany Parish District Attorney's Office, pleadings and sworn court testimony of witnesses recently conducted in the 22nd Judicial District Court in connection with the project, statements made by witnesses to the process, and the official minutes of the St. Tammany Parish Council Meetings; and

WHEREAS, the St. Tammany Parish Council adopted Preliminary Findings of Fact regarding the investigation September 27, 2023, and entered same within the Official Records of the Parish; and

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish Council desires to conclude the Investigation convened by Resolution C-6775 on June 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Findings of Fact, based on review of all produced public records in this matter show no wrongdoing by any employee involved in the review or processing of the Covington Trace Ridge Apartments development; and

WHEREAS, the Parish Council has taken steps to prevent this situation from arising in the future by adopting Ordinance Cal. No. 7393 as respects notification to the Parish Council of building permits being applied for and working with the Parish Administration to put notification processes in place, and adoption of Ordinance Cal. No. 7324AA removing the term apartments from the definition of lodging.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the St. Tammany Parish Council concludes the Investigation under C-6775 regarding the Covington Trace Ridge Apartments development finding no wrongdoing by any employee and adopting notice provisions and processes to prevent this lack of notification in the future.

THIS RESOLUTION HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED TO A VOTE, THE VOTE THEREON WAS AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED ON THE 8TH DAY OF, FEBRUARY, 2024, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

ARTHUR LAUGHLIN, COUNCIL CHAIR

ATTEST:

KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, CLERK OF COUNCIL