ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE CALENDAR NO.: 8216 ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO.: 26-____

COUNCIL SPONSOR: MR. SMITH/PRES. COOPER PROVIDED BY: DEVELOPMENT

INTRODUCED BY: _____ SECONDED BY: _____

ON THE 5TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ST. TAMMANY PARISH UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE, CHAPTER 900 – INFRASTRUCTURE, SECTION 900-6.5 – PLACEMENT OF FILL, TO ESTABLISH FILL AND GRADING STANDARDS FOR MAJOR RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR COMPENSATING STORAGE, MAXIMUM FILL ELEVATIONS, AND RELATED DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS THEREWITH

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish regulates the placement of fill and development of major subdivisions through the Unified Development Code in order to protect drainage, flood storage, and surrounding properties; and

WHEREAS, existing subdivision regulations require drainage plans, hydrologic analysis, stormwater management, and other measures intended to manage stormwater generated by development; and

WHEREAS, substantial alteration of existing topography through the placement of fill may also affect natural drainage patterns and areas that provide temporary storage of stormwater during rainfall events; and

WHEREAS, the Parish desires to establish standards for new major residential subdivisions that consider both the stormwater management system proposed for the development and the existing topography and hydrology of the property; and

WHEREAS, the proposed regulations are intended to allow residential development while limiting substantial changes to existing ground elevations, accounting for displaced flood storage in applicable areas, and providing for structures to be elevated through appropriate foundation methods when additional elevation is necessary; and

WHEREAS, the St. Tammany Parish Planning and Zoning Commission considered the proposed amendment to the Unified Development Code at its October 13, 2026 meeting and recommended approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, ST. TAMMANY PARISH GOVERNMENT HEREBY ORDAINS that Part II: The Unified Development Code, Chapter 900 – Infrastructure, Section 900-6.5 – Placement of Fill, is hereby amended as set forth in Attachment “A”, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

REPEAL: All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.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 upon final signature.

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 3RD DAY OF DECEMBER, 2026; AND BECOMES ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO. 26-_____.

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CHERYL TANNER, COUNCIL CHAIR

ATTEST:

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KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, COUNCIL CLERK

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MICHAEL B. COOPER, PARISH PRESIDENT

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