ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO.: C-7398

COUNCIL SPONSOR: MR. IMPASTATO PROVIDED BY: COUNCIL OFFICE/CIVIL DA

RESOLUTION TO REFER TO THE R.E.S.E.T. TASK FORCE PRIORITY POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STUDY AND IMPLEMENTATION.

WHEREAS, the Revenue, Efficiency, Spending, Education and Transparency (R.E.S.E.T.) Task Force has been established to bring together business leaders, financial professionals, government stakeholders, and interested citizens to review the existing tax structure of St. Tammany Parish, the receipt and expenditure of tax revenues, and opportunities for government efficiencies; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, the St. Tammany Parish Council as a body and through the Government Efficiency Committee (G.E.C.) has started the process of identifying areas of Parish government that could operate more effectively in order to reduce the tax burden on our citizens and provide better services; and

WHEREAS, the Parish Council and G.E.C. have and will continue their work on improving Parish government operations, including completing an efficiency evaluation of the Department of Public Works; analyzing the receipt of all revenue collected by Sales Tax District #3, including the distribution to municipalities through tax-sharing agreements; reducing the parish-wide drainage millage; analyzing the revenue required for maintenance of all existing asphalt roads; and possibly consolidating existing lighting districts and/or using more energy-efficient lighting sources to reduce costs; and, evaluation of all Parish government departments; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the work of the Parish Council and G.E.C., the R.E.S.E.T. Task Force has an opportunity to study and recommend initiatives that require coordination with the state legislature and other taxing agencies in St. Tammany Parish; and

WHEREAS, in order to demonstrate real results to St. Tammany Parish taxpayers, the Parish Council wishes to refer priority policy recommendations to the R.E.S.E.T. Task Force for their review and potential implementation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following priority policy recommendations be referred by the St. Tammany Parish Council for review and implementation by the R.E.S.E.T. Task Force:

1. Establish maximum fund balance criteria for all taxing agencies in St. Tammany Parish and provide mechanisms for automatic review of any agency carrying a fund balance exceeding those criteria;

2. Create an oversight revenue management plan which includes a specific process for tax renewal needs assessment;

3. Evaluate whether any taxing agency currently levying an ad valorem tax can or should transition to a sales tax, as well as consideration of legislation by the state legislature to allow certain taxing bodies to assess a sales tax instead of a property millage;

4. Determine which taxing entities, if any, could share revenue through a clustered dedication and recommend any legislative changes necessary to accomplish such consolidation; and,

5. Identify opportunities for shared services between all taxing agencies, including technology, payroll, accounting, public information, and other services, and encourage all agencies to share equipment and work cooperatively.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Council and G.E.C. will work cooperatively with the R.E.S.E.T. Task Force to reduce the tax burden for St. Tammany Parish taxpayers and improving services provided to everyone in our Parish.

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

MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY: _____ SECONDED BY: _____

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED ON THE 5TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

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CHERYL TANNER, COUNCIL CHAIR

ATTEST:

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KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, COUNCIL CLERK