ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO. C-7387

COUNCIL SPONSOR: MR. COUGLE PROVIDED BY: COUNCIL STAFF

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE WEST PEARL RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE, TO DESIGNATE MEMBERS THERETO, AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS.

WHEREAS, Sec. 8-05 of the Home Rule Charter authorizes the St. Tammany Parish Council to appoint advisory committees to provide advice regarding the operations of parish government;

WHEREAS, the Parish Council proposes to create the West Pearl Advisory Committee (the "Committee"), whose purpose will be to provide a coordinated forum for identifying, discussing, and bringing attention to environmental and waterway-related issues affecting the West Pearl River and surrounding areas which may be addressed by parish government, including but not limited to boating and navigation concerns such as blocked waterways, obstructions, debris, and areas of limits access; Lock Nos. 1, 2, and 3; and other issues determined by the Committee to be relevant to the preservation, accessibility, and responsible use of the West Pearl River; and

WHEREAS, the Committee will have no administrative or legislative authority. Its role will be to prepare an annual report to the St. Tammany Parish Council on the issues described hereinabove; and

WHEREAS, the Committee will be made up of five (5) members to be appointed by the Parish Council, one (1) member to be appointed by the Parish President, and one (1) member to be appointed by the Town of Pearl River, all of whom shall serve without compensation and at the pleasure of the appointing authority; and

WHEREAS, the following provisions shall govern the structure, procedures, and timeline of the Committee.

THEREFORE, THE PARISH COUNCIL OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES to establish the West Pearl River Advisory Committee, pursuant to Home Rule Charter Sec. 8-05, for the purpose of issuing an annual report to the St. Tammany Parish Council identifying and discussing environmental and waterway-related issues affecting the West Pearl River and surrounding areas and to make recommendations associated with same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the West Pearl River Advisory Committee shall consist of seven (7) members appointed as follows:

Five (5) members to be appointed by the St. Tammany Parish Council;

One (1) member to be appointed by the St. Tammany Parish President; and

One (1) member to be appointed by the Town of Pearl River.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each member shall serve without compensation, shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years, and shall be eligible for reappointment at the expiration of their term. The terms of those members appointed by the St. Tammany Parish Council shall be staggered in order to enhance and promote continuity of service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the West Pearl River Advisory Committee shall select a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson at the first meeting of every calendar year. The Chairperson shall preside over meetings and coordinate the committee's activities. The Vice Chairperson shall perform the duties of the Chairperson in the event of their absence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the first meeting of the West Pearl River Advisory Committee shall be convened in January 2027, and thereafter shall meet at least once a quarter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that meetings of the West Pearl River Advisory Committee shall comply with Louisiana Open Meeting Law in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statutes 42:11, *et seq.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the West Pearl River Advisory Committee shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the St. Tammany Parish Council no later than the 15th day of January beginning in 2028, and annually thereafter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the West Pearl River Advisory Committee shall serve solely in an advisory capacity and shall have no administrative or legislative authority or function.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES.

THE 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 MMEBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

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CHERYL TANNER, COUNCIL CHAIR

ATTEST:

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KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, COUNCIL CLERK