

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE CALENDAR NO.: 7962

ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO.: 25-_____

COUNCIL SPONSOR: MR. BINDER

PROVIDED BY: CIVIL DIVISION

INTRODUCED BY: MR. CORBIN

SECONDED BY: MR. BURKE

ON THE 4TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2025

ORDINANCE TO AMEND ST. TAMMANY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, PART I – CODE OF ORDINANCES; CHAPTER 10 – ANIMALS, FOWL, AND REPTILES; ARTICLE III – BIRD AND WILDLIFE SANCUTUARIES; TO ADD DIVISION 23 – NORTH SHORE BEACH SUBDIVISION AS A BIRD SANCUTUARY; AND FURHTER AMENDING CHAPTER 30 – PARKS, RECREATION AND SCENIC NEIGHBORHOODS; ARTICLE XVI – SCENIC NEIGHBORHOODS; SECTION 30-423 – SCENIC NEIGHBORHOODS CREATED, TO ADD NORTH SHORE BEACH SUBDIVISION AS A SCENIC NEIGHBORHOOD (WARD 9, DISTRICT 12).

WHEREAS, North Shore Beach is a residential subdivision established in 1954 bordering Lake Pontchartrain in Slidell and encompassing canals from the lake to create a unique waterfront community teeming with wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the Homeowners Association of North Shore Beach subdivision requested that St. Tammany Parish designate it as a bird sanctuary and scenic neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the HOA describes the subdivision of North Shore Beach as “a hidden gem that should be recognized as one of the most scenic neighborhoods in St. Tammany Parish. Views of the salt marsh, the lake, and the beach delight visitors, birders, photographers, and our conservation-minded residents.” The designation as a scenic neighborhood will help preserve the quality of life and property values of the subdivision; and,

WHEREAS, North Shore Beach is a favorite spot for birders and photographers who delight in seeing many species of birds and waterfowl in the marsh along Carr drive as well as along the lake front, and it should be appropriately designated as a bird sanctuary.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY ORDAINS that St. Tammany Parish Code of Ordinances, Part I – Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10 – Animals, Fowl and Reptiles, Article III – Bird and Wildlife Sanctuaries, be amended to add Division 23, North Shore Beach Subdivision as a bird sanctuary, and to add Sections 10-615 and 10-616, to provide as follows:

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Division 23 – North Shore Beach Subdivision.

Sec. 10-615. Boundaries.

There is herewith created a parish bird sanctuary within the boundaries of North Shore Beach Subdivision, Phases I and II-IV, as depicted in the subdivision plats, attached hereto as Exhibits "A" and "B," located in Sections 25, 26, 29, 30 and 31, Township 9S, Range 14E.

Sec. 10-616. Prohibited acts, exceptions; encouraged treatment of birds.

(a) Prohibited.

(1) It shall be unlawful and a violation of this division for any person to hunt, trap, shoot, snare, cage, intimidate or molest any bird, or to rob the nests of any wild bird within the above described areas; provided however, that same shall not apply to any bird or animal kept and maintained as a house pet and sold for such purpose by any bona fide pet store, nor to any birds which constitute a nuisance to property and/or health. The feeding and care of birds is permitted and encouraged.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge any firearm, gun or other weapon by which a bullet or projectile is launched by means of igniting gunpowder, compressed air, or gas, within a 400-foot perimeter zone of any designated parish bird sanctuary.

(b) Definitions. For the purpose of this section, the following terms, words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, unless the context clearly indicates different:

Firearms mean any handgun, pistol, revolver, rifle, shotgun, or musket of any caliber, machine gun, pellet gun, BB gun, or other mechanism which launches a bullet or any other type of projectile by means of igniting gunpowder, compressed air or gas.

Parish bird sanctuary means those portions or parcel of ground located in the unincorporated area of the parish specifically declared and designated to be parish bird sanctuary as described herein.

Perimeter means that area surrounding and incorporating all boundaries of North Shore Beach Subdivision (present and future phases as developed), measured in a straight line outward a distance of 400 feet from the front, rear and two side lines, as shown on the subdivision plot, and being designated as parish bird sanctuary.

(c) Signs. It shall be the sole obligation and expense of homeowners residing in the referenced subdivisions to obtain and place appropriate signs indicating a "St. Tammany Parish Bird Sanctuary". Permission is granted to place said signs on parish roads or rights-of-way,

provided written approval therefor is first had and obtained from the department of public works.

(d) Exemption. Exempt herefrom are any law enforcement officers or agents and officials of state and federal agencies engaged in the pursuit of their duties, or any citizen lawfully discharging a weapon for the purpose of defending his life or property.

(e) Violation; penalty. Any violation of this section shall constitute a misdemeanor punishable in accordance with Section 1-9.

THE ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL FURTHER ORDAINS that Chapter 30 – Parks, Recreation and Scenic Neighborhoods, Article XVI – Scenic Neighborhoods, Sec. 30-423 – Scenic Neighborhoods Created, be amended to add North Shore Beach subdivision as a scenic neighborhood, subject to the provisions of Sec. 30-419 through 30-422, to provide as follows:

Sec. 30-419. Purpose.

- (a) Within the parish, there are many unique and distinctive residential neighborhoods which contribute significantly to the overall character and scenic beauty of the parish. They are worthy of recognition because of natural, historical, architectural or cultural features which enhance the quality of life for parish residents. As a matter of public policy, parish government aims to recognize and promote the value of these residential neighborhoods by the designation of these areas as "Scenic Neighborhoods."
- (b) The purposes of a scenic neighborhood designation in residential neighborhoods are as follows:
- (1) To recognize and encourage desirable and unique physical features, design characteristics, historical or cultural charm;
 - (2) To inspire, cultivate, and preserve scenic features which enhance quality of life for residents;
 - (3) To foster new compatible growth; and
 - (4) To provide residents and property owners with a tool for encouraging and strengthening civic pride.

Sec. 30-420. Designation criteria.

To be designated as a scenic neighborhood, the area must meet the following criteria:

- (1) Possess distinctive natural, historical, architectural or cultural features that create a cohesive identifiable setting unique within the parish;
- (2) Possess special scenic characteristics such as creek beds, parks, greenbelts, gardens, street landscaping, nature trails or water features;
- (3) Abuts or links designated historical, architectural or cultural landmarks;
- (4) Abuts or links designated nature preserves or scenic rivers; and/or
- (5) Has an organized homeowner or neighborhood association which actively works to preserve the neighborhood's scenic characteristics.

Sec. 30-421. Designation procedures.

The creation of a scenic neighborhood shall be considered upon one of the following:

- (1) A petition to the parish council for designation as a scenic neighborhood by at least 51 percent of the property owners within the proposed scenic area; or
- (2) The parish council, on its own initiative or at the request of parish administration, may consider the creation of a scenic neighborhood.

Sec. 30-422. Signs.

Following the designation of a scenic neighborhood by ordinance of the parish council, it shall be the sole obligation and expense of the homeowners residing therein to obtain and place appropriate signs indicating that said area is a "St. Tammany Parish Scenic Neighborhood." Permission is herewith granted to place said signs on parish roads or rights-of-way, provided written approval therefor is first had and obtained from the department of public works.

Sec. 30-423. Scenic neighborhoods created.

The following areas are hereby designated as the parish scenic neighborhoods:

- (1) "Bogue Rivers Nature Preserve"—consisting of Bogue Glen Subdivision and Magnolia Gardens Subdivision.
- (2) Eden Isles.
- (3) North Shore Beach.

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 become 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 2ND DAY OF OCTOBER, 2025; AND BECOMES ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO. 25-
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JOE IMPASTATO, COUNCIL CHAIR

ATTEST:

KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, COUNCIL CLERK

MICHAEL B. COOPER, PARISH PRESIDENT

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