

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE CALENDAR NO. 7976

ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO. 25-

COUNCIL SPONSOR: MR. COUGLE

PROVIDED BY: COUNCIL OFFICE

INTRODUCED BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

ON THE 2ND DAY OF OCTOBER, 2025

ORDINANCE TO AMEND ST. TAMMANY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE III, PARISH COUNCIL, AMENDING SECTION 2-74, TO ADD SUBPARAGRAPH F TO REQUIRE FISCAL NOTES ON ORDINANCES AMENDING THE CODE.

WHEREAS, the St. Tammany Parish Council periodically makes changes to the Code of Ordinances to make it easier for the public and oversight bodies to see where the money is going; and

WHEREAS, the St. Tammany Parish Council wants to ensure the taxpayer dollars are spent as intended and that officials can be held accountable for financial decisions.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY ORDAINS that St. Tammany Parish Code of Ordinances, Part I – Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2 – Administration, Article III – Parish Council, be amended to add Sec. 2-74 (f), to provide as follows:

Sec. 2-74. Agendas

(a) Deadline. The Tuesday two weeks prior to the regular council meeting, at 10:00 a.m. shall be established as the regular agenda deadline. The Tuesday prior to committee meetings at 9:00 a.m. shall be established as the committee agenda deadline.

(b) Agenda of all meetings shall be posted at the government complex no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting in order to give notice to the public and shall be transmitted to be received by councilmembers 24 hours prior to the meeting.

(c) Only those items on the meeting agenda can be voted on at that meeting.

(d) Any item not on the regular agenda can be considered upon unanimous approval of the members present; any items not on a committee agenda can be considered with unanimous approval of committee members present.

(e) Any item on the agenda may be moved up with ten affirmative votes of the parish council; any item on the committee agendas can be moved up with a majority vote of committee members present.

(f) Any ordinance amending the code which would have a fiscal impact of \$10,000.00 or above, either initially or annually, shall include an attachment which contains a fiscal note or cost estimate which shall be provided by the St. Tammany Parish Government finance department. Any ordinance which would have a fiscal impact below the above threshold, shall include an attachment containing a certification by the St. Tammany Parish Government finance department to that effect. Any fiscal note, cost estimate, or certification required herein shall be based upon good faith efforts by the finance department and it is acknowledged that such fiscal note, cost estimate, or certification shall not be binding.

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 6TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 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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