

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE CALENDAR NO.: 7898

ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO.: 25-

COUNCIL SPONSOR: MR. IMPASTATO/PRES. COOPER PROVIDED BY: PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

INTRODUCED BY: MR. CORBIN

SECONDED BY: MR. LAUGHLIN

ON THE 5TH DAY OF JUNE, 2025

ORDINANCE TO ADDRESS PUBLIC COMMENTS, IMPROVE CODE ADMINISTRATION, MAKE MINOR CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS, AND CLARIFY THE ST. TAMMANY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES (PARISHWIDE)

WHEREAS, the St. Tammany Parish Council adopted Part II: The Unified Development Code (UDC) on December 18, 2023, via Ordinance No. 23-5339 (unanimously approved, with 1 absent), to streamline, simplify, and improve overall code navigation and to reduce permitting confusion, remove redundancy, and align Parish procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Parish Council amended the effective date of the St. Tammany Parish Code of Ordinances: Part II Unified Development Code (UDC) to August 2, 2024 to allow the Parish Council and Parish Administration time to review and amend codal provisions as necessary prior to the original July 1, 2024 effective date, via Ordinance No. 24-5484; and

WHEREAS, Round 1 and Round 2 of the UDC Housekeeping amendments were considered and adopted to revise Part II: The Unified Development Code (UDC) on July 11, 2024, via Ordinance No. 24-5513; and

WHEREAS, Round 3 of the UDC Housekeeping amendments were considered and adopted to revise Part 1: Code of Ordinances and Part II: The Unified Development Code (UDC) on October 3, 2024, via Ordinance No. 24-5592; and

WHEREAS, Round 4 of the UDC Housekeeping amendments were considered and adopted to revise Part 1: Code of Ordinances and Part II: The Unified Development Code (UDC) on November 7, 2024, via Ordinance No. 24-5611; and

WHEREAS, Round 5 of the UDC Housekeeping amendments were considered and adopted to revise Part 1: Code of Ordinances and Part II: The Unified Development Code (UDC) on December 5, 2024, via Ordinance No. 24-5641; and

WHEREAS, Round 6 of the UDC Housekeeping amendments were considered and recommended for approval at the November 12, 2024 Planning and Zoning Commission hearing, introduced at the December 5, 2024 Council hearing (Ord. Calendar No. 7763), and postponed at the January 9, 2025 Council hearing; and

WHEREAS, Round 7 of the UDC Housekeeping amendments were considered and recommended for approval at the December 10, 2024 Planning and Zoning Commission and were postponed at the January 9, 2025 Council hearing (Ord. Calendar No. 7791); and

WHEREAS, Round 8 of the UDC Housekeeping amendments were considered and recommended for approval at the January 14, 2025 Planning and Zoning Commission; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to work together with interested and affected stakeholders, the Department of Planning and Development held several meetings to discuss comments, deliberate, and reach consensus gained from the practical insights from all who attended. These changes focus on refining, correcting, and enhancing the UDC to better support its application. This newly created Housekeeping No. 6 therefore became a combined version of the original Housekeeping numbers 6, 7, & 8 and was adopted at the March 6, 2025, via Ordinance No. 25-5700; and

WHEREAS, Round 9 of the UDC Housekeeping amendments were considered and adopted to revise Part II: The Unified Development Code (UDC) on May 1, 2025, via Ordinance No. 25-5728; and

WHEREAS, Round 10 of the UDC Housekeeping amendments were considered and adopted to revise Part II: The Unified Development Code (UDC) on May 1, 2025, via Ordinance No. 25-5729; and

WHEREAS, Round 11 of the UDC Housekeeping amendments were considered and recommended for approval at the April 8, 2025 Planning and Zoning Commission hearing, introduced at the May 1, 2025 Parish Council hearing, and will be placed on the June 5th Council agenda under Ordinance Calendar No. 7873; and

WHEREAS, Round 12 of the UDC Housekeeping amendments were considered and recommended for approval at the May 13, 2025 Planning and Zoning Commission hearing, and will be introduced at the June 5, 2025 Council hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed Round 13 of the UDC Housekeeping amendments at the May 13, 2025 Planning and Zoning Commission hearing and recommended approval to the Parish Council subject to removing item # 4 to provide time for further research and deliberation; and

WHEREAS, the UDC is intended to be a living document: updated and amended as community values change and evolve and as procedural improvements become practical; and

WHEREAS, the Parish acknowledges this amendment to Part 1: Code of Ordinances and Part II: Unified Development Code is not the final opportunity to amend existing Parish land development standards, but represents another critical step in creating a usable and clear code from which to continuously advance goals of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY ORDAINS that it amends Part II: Unified Development Code in accordance with the code amendments detailed in the Housekeeping Text Amendments No. 13, Exhibit A, to continue to refine, correct, and improve the UDC through public hearings that include a review of edits that are tracked for the public's awareness, reference, and feedback.

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 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 10TH DAY OF JULY, 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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