

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO. C-7360

COUNCIL SPONSOR: MR. BURKE

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A RESOLUTION OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF ST. TAMMANY PARISH
URGING THE LOUISIANA LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR TO COMPLETE ITS
REVIEW OF MATTERS CONCERNING THE ST. TAMMANY PARISH
ASSESSOR'S OFFICE AND TO ISSUE ITS FINDINGS IN A TIMELY
MANNER.

WHEREAS, documentation has been submitted to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor alleging that the St. Tammany Parish Assessor's Office utilized a tax calculation methodology commonly referred to as a "cushion," which allegedly resulted in property tax increases beyond those authorized by law; and

WHEREAS, the information presented alleged that such methodology may have resulted in an estimated \$28 million to \$32 million in additional ad valorem tax revenue being collected during the 2024 tax year by various taxing authorities without voter approval; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor has the information relating to these allegations and subsequently advised that it would conduct its own review; and

WHEREAS, questions have also been raised concerning differences between reassessment growth figures reportedly provided to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor and those communicated to local taxing authorities, as well as the methodology used to calculate taxable value; and

WHEREAS, these allegations have generated significant public concern regarding the administration of Louisiana's ad valorem tax laws and the integrity of the property tax assessment process in St. Tammany Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Parish Council expresses no opinion as to the ultimate merits of the allegations and recognizes that it is the responsibility of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor to independently review the facts and reach its own conclusions; and

WHEREAS, the Parish Council believes that the citizens of St. Tammany Parish are entitled to a timely determination of these matters so that confidence in the integrity of the property tax system may be maintained.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority thereof, that the Council respectfully urges the Louisiana Legislative Auditor to complete its review of the matters concerning the St. Tammany Parish Assessor's Office as expeditiously as practicable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Council respectfully requests that, upon completion of its review, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor publicly issue its findings and any recommendations or conclusions authorized by law in order to provide clarity, transparency, and accountability to the citizens of St. Tammany Parish.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Council reaffirms its commitment to transparency, fiscal accountability, and public confidence in the administration of Louisiana's property tax laws and encourages all public agencies involved to cooperate fully with any ongoing review.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

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 6TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2026, AT A
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT
AND VOTING.

CHERYL TANNER, COUNCIL CHAIR

ATTEST:

KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, COUNCIL CLERK