ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO.: C-7289

COUNCIL SPONSOR: MS. TANNER/PRES.COOPER PROVIDED BY: UTILITIES/CIVIL DIVISION

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CALCULATION OF THE 2026 UTILITY RATE ADJUSTMENT USING MUNICIPAL COST INDEX (MCI) DATA FROM SEPTEMBER 2024 T0 SEPTEMBER 2025

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish Ordinance Council Series No. 11-2645, codified as Section 40-333 of the St. Tammany Parish Code of Ordinances, establishes the schedule of rates and fees for water and sewer services provided by systems owned and operated by St. Tammany Parish Government; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 11-2645 provides that water and sewer rates shall be adjusted annually based on the percentage change in the Municipal Cost Index (MCI) published by American City & County for the previous twelve month period comprised from October of the prior year and October two years prior; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 11-2645 further provides that if the Municipal Cost Index (MCI) ceases to be published, the Parish may substitute another index for purposes of calculating the adjustments; and

WHEREAS, the federal government shutdown from October 1, 2025 to November 12, 2025, resulted in the relevant data for the previous twelve month period comprised from October of the prior year and October two years prior not being released; thereby making the data unavailable; and

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish Government desires to continue using the Municipal Cost Index (MCI) rather than substitute an alternative index and therefore finds it appropriate to use the most recent available twelve month Municipal Cost Index (MCI) data from September 2024 to September 2025 for the purposes of calculating the 2026 utility rate adjustment.

THE ST. TAMMANY PARISH GOVERNMENT HEREBY RESOLVES that pursuant to Ordinance Council Series No. 11-2645, codified as Section 40-333 of the St. Tammany Parish Code of Ordinances, hereby authorizes the calculation of the 2026 utility rate adjustment using the Municipal Cost Index (MCI) data published from September 2024 to September 2025, in lieu of the period from October 2024 to October 2025 referenced in the ordinance, due to the unavailability of the October data.

THAT, all acts previously taken by the Office of the Parish President in furtherance of the actions or agreement contemplated herein are hereby ratified and approved.

THIS RESOLUTION HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED TO A VOTE, THE VOTE THEREON WAS AS FOLLOWS:

MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY: _____ SECONDED BY:_____

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED ON THE 9TH DAY OF APRIL, 2026, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

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CHERYL TANNER, COUNCIL CHAIR

ATTEST:

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KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, CLERK OF COUNCIL

Administrative Comment

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Council Meeting Date

Introduced: April 9, 2026

Department

Utilities by Civil Division

Parish seeks to calculate the 2026 utility rate adjustment using Municipal Cost Index (MCI) data from September 2024 to September 2025.