

ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO.: 25-

PROVIDED BY: FINANCE

SECONDED BY: _____

ORDINANCE LEVYING INCREASED MILLAGE RATES FOR THE YEAR 2025 FOR DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY ORDAINS that in a public meeting held on July 10, 2025 which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the Parish Council voted to increase the millage rates, but not in excess of the prior year's maximum rates, on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2025, and when collected, the revenues from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have been levied. Said millage rates are:

	MILLAGE TRACKING	ADJUSTED MILLAGE	2025 LEVY
PARISH GOVERNMENT			
DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE	1069008	1.56	1.69

REPEAL: All ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption and execution.

WHEREUPON, THIS ORDINANCE WAS READ IN FULL, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE ADOPTION THEREOF, SUBMITTED TO A VOTE, AND THE ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED BY NO LESS THAN TWO-THIRDS OF THE TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL VOTING IN FAVOR AS REQUIRED BY ARTICLE VII, SECTION 23(C) OF THE LOUISIANA CONSTITUTION AND R.S. 47:1705(B). AND RESULTED IN THE FOLLOWING:

ABSENT:

THIS ORDINANCE WAS DECLARED ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ON THE 10TH DAY OF JULY, 2025, AT LEAST TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING IN FAVOR; AND BECOMES ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO. 25-.

JOE IMPASTATO, COUNCIL CHAIR

ATTEST:

KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, CLERK OF COUNCIL

MICHAEL B. COOPER, PARISH PRESIDENT

Published Introduction: MAY 28, 2025

Published Adoption: _____, 2025

Delivered to Parish President: _____, 2025 at _____

Returned to Council Clerk: _____, 2025 at _____

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the ordinance adopted at the board meeting held on ____ day of _____ at which meeting at least two-thirds of the members was present and voting.

Mandeville, Louisiana, this ____ day of _____, 2025

Katrina L. Buckley, Clerk of Council
St. Tammany Parish

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENT
MILLAGE ORDINANCE – JUNE 2025

The voters approved the levy of 1.69 mills for Drainage, with an authorized levy period from 2021-2030, at the March 20, 2021 election. The Drainage millage is for the purpose of improving, maintaining and constructing, bulk heading and bridging drainage ways, drainage ditches, drainage channels, and drainage canals within the Parish and related non-capital expenditures. This millage is crucial to mitigating flood risk and providing investments to our drainage systems.

The millage for Drainage is proposed to be rolled forward from 1.56 mills to 1.69 mills. A roll forward is when the millage rate is increased after reassessment from the adjusted maximum millage rate to a rate not more than the prior year's maximum and not more than voter-approved maximum millage rate.

The estimated amount of tax revenues to be collected parish-wide (net of uncollectible accounts) from 1.69 mills is \$5,117,344, which would be an increase of \$393,642. This is presented gross before the statutory deduction for pension assessment fees.

As shown on page 2 of the 2025 Operating Budget Ordinance, budgeted net revenues before capital are \$5.12m, and budgeted operating expenditures are \$1.15m, which only allows for \$3.97m annually to be budgeted for capital improvements. Page 11 of Exhibit A to the 2025 Capital Budget Ordinance, the 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan, shows over \$113 million in drainage projects. Therefore, funds from the roll forward would aid in financing these projects.

The estimated cost for 1.69 mills to a home valued at \$300,000 is \$38.03, which would be an increase of \$2.93 over the levy of 1.56 mills.