ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE CALENDAR NO.: <u>7884</u>	ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO.: 25-
COUNCIL SPONSOR: <u>MS. TANNER/ PRES. COOPER</u>	PROVIDED BY: <u>FINANCE</u>
INTRODUCED BY:	SECONDED BY:

ON THE 5^{TH} DAY OF JUNE, 2025

ORDINANCE LEVYING INCREASED MILLAGE RATES FOR THE YEAR 2025 FOR ANIMAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Home Rule Charter for St. Tammany Parish Section 2-11 (3) requires an ordinance to levy taxes, assessments and charges.

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	ADJUSTED	2025
	TRACKING	MILLAGE	LEVY
PARISH GOVERNMENT			
ANIMAL SERVICES	1069098	.93	1.00

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY FURTHER ORDAINS that the Assessor of the Parish of ST. TAMMANY, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2025 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

REPEAL: All ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.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 upon adoption and execution.

MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY: _____ SECONDED BY: _____

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:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAINING:

ABSENT:

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

JOE IMPASTATO, COUNCIL CHAIR

ATTEST:

KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, CLERK OF COUNCIL

MICHAEL B. COOPER, PARISH PRESIDENT

Published Introduction: <u>MAY 28,</u> 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 1.00 mill for the Animal Shelter, with an authorized levy period from 2019-2028, at the December 8, 2018 election. The Animal Shelter millage is for acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining, and operating an animal shelter for the Parish, including necessary equipment and facilities therefore. This millage is vital to support the life-saving efforts and to maintain the no-kill status for Animal Services.

The millage for Animal Services is proposed to be rolled forward from .93 mills to 1.00 mill. 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 1.0 mill is \$3,026,797, which would be an increase of \$211,876. This is presented gross before the statutory deduction for pension assessment fees.

As shown on page 3 of the 2025 Operating Budget Ordinance, operating expenditures exceed revenues by approximately \$529,164. Therefore, funds from the roll forward would be used to decrease the reliance on the dwindling fund balance for annual operations.

The estimated cost for 1.00 mill to a home valued at \$300,000 is \$22.51, which would be an increase of \$1.58 over the levy of .93 mills.