

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE CALENDAR NO: 7620

ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO: 24-_____

COUNCIL SPONSOR: LAUGHLIN/COOPER

PROVIDED BY: PARISH PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

INTRODUCED BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

ON THE 6TH DAY OF JUNE, 2024

ORDINANCE TO ADDRESS PUBLIC COMMENTS, IMPROVE CODE ADMINISTRATION, MAKE MINOR CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS, AND CLARIFY THE ST. TAMMANY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES: PART II UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE (UDC) ADOPTED DECEMBER 18, 2023, PER ORDINANCE NO. 23-5339 PRIOR TO ITS EFFECTIVE DATE ON AUGUST 02, 2024. (PARISHWIDE)

WHEREAS, to improve land management in St. Tammany Parish, the Parish Council adopted Part II: The Unified Development Code (UDC) on December 18, 2023, via Ordinance Council Series 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, this work addressed much needed policy amendments, procedural clarification, code reorganization, as well as updates that provided regulation consistency with regards to code terminology, references, and formatting; and

WHEREAS, as part of the UDC development process, specifically in meetings in December 2023, additional stakeholder feedback was provided relative to natural area requirements, zoning standards, and other regulations in the UDC; and

WHEREAS, following the UDC's adoption, Parish staff, Councilmembers, and Commissioners isolated additional edits or changes, and conducted a series of meetings with stakeholders to discuss comments, deliberate, and reach consensus; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance aims to resolve these comments in support of UDC implementation in August 2024; 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 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

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2024 and May 14, 2024 the Planning and Zoning Commissions recommended approval of the proposed UDC amendments (as amended) detailed in **Exhibit A**.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY ORDAINS that it amends Part II: Unified Development Code in accordance with code amendments detailed in **Exhibit A**, to address additional comments presented to the Parish Council in December 2023 (as deliberated and resolved in 2024), as well as to make minor changes and corrections, in order to best prepare for and support successful UDC implementation in August 2024. (Parishwide)

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 August 2, 2024.

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 11TH DAY OF JULY, 2024; AND BECOMES ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO. 24-
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ARTHUR A. LAUGHLIN, COUNCIL CHAIR

ATTEST:

KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, COUNCIL CLERK

MICHAEL B. COOPER, PARISH PRESIDENT

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