

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE CALENDAR NO.: 7938

ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO.: 25-

COUNCIL SPONSOR: MR. COUGLE/MR. PHILLIPS

PROVIDED BY: CIVIL DIVISION/COUNCIL

INTRODUCED BY: MR. CORBIN

SECONDED BY: MR. LAUGHLIN

ON THE 7TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2025

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ST. TAMMANY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, PART 1, CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE III, PARISH COUNCIL, SEC. 2-74 AGENDA, TO REQUIRE AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCES TO ADEQUATELY IDENTIFY THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE AMENDMENT.

WHEREAS, as a public body the St. Tammany Parish Council is governed by the Louisiana Open Meetings Law, as adopted in Louisiana Revised Statutes 42:11-42:28; and,

WHEREAS, Louisiana Open Meeting Law requires that the agenda be reasonably clear to provide the public with sufficient notice of what subjects will be discussed; and,

WHEREAS, Louisiana Open Meeting Law requires that each item listed on the agenda shall be listed separately and described with reasonable specificity; and,

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish Code of Ordinances Sec. 2-74 provides a description of how the agenda should be presented; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the current agenda language in the best interests of the public and to ensure transparency.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY ORDAINS that St. Tammany Parish Code of Ordinances, Part 1 – Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2- Amended Article III – Parish Council, Sec. 2-74 – Agenda be amended to provide as follows:

Section 2-74 Agendas

(a) Deadline. The Tuesday, two weeks prior to the regular council meeting, at 10:00 a.m. shall be established as the regular agenda deadline. The Tuesday prior to committee meetings at 9:00 a.m. shall be established as the committee agenda deadline.

(b) Agenda of all meetings shall be posted at the government complex no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting in order to give notice to the public and shall be transmitted to be received by councilmembers 24 hours prior to the meeting.

(c) Only those items on the meeting agenda can be voted on at that meeting.

(d) Any item not on the regular agenda can be considered upon unanimous approval of the members present; any items not on a committee agenda can be considered with unanimous approval of committee members present.

(e) Any item on the agenda may be moved up with ten affirmative votes of the parish council; any item on the committee agendas can be moved up with a majority vote of committee members present.

(f) All ordinances amending the Code of Ordinances or Unified Development Code shall specify the section of the Code to be amended and shall identify with reasonable specificity the subject matter of the amendment.

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 immediately upon adoption.

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 4TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2025; AND BECOMES ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO. 25-.

JOE IMPASTATO, COUNCIL CHAIR

ATTEST:

KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, COUNCIL CLERK

MICHAEL B. COOPER, PARISH PRESIDENT

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