

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO.: C-7001

COUNCIL SPONSOR: CORBIN/LAUGHLIN/TANNER/IMPASTATO/BURKE PROVIDED BY: COUNCIL OFFICE

RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO PROVIDE A PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENT WITH THE 2025 BUDGET TO REFLECT THE CHANGES THAT WILL BE MADE IF THE SALES TAX DISTRICT NO. 3 REDEDICATION AND EXTENSION IS APPROVED BY THE VOTERS.

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish Government is required by Louisiana State Revised Statute 39:1305 to pass a balanced budget; and

WHEREAS, the sales tax levied by Sales Tax District No. 3 is the Parish's largest funding source and is restricted 'to roads, streets and bridges and drains and drainage facilities'; and

WHEREAS, in order to maintain the highly regarded quality of life that defines St. Tammany Parish, Parish Government will ask the community, in the spring of 2025, to extend and rededicate a portion of the sales tax levied by Sales Tax District No. 3; and

WHEREAS, if the proposition is approved, up to 17% of the sales tax collected by Sales Tax District No. 3 can, with Parish Council concurrence, be used to fund state mandated costs; and

WHEREAS, state mandated costs include the 22nd Judicial District Court, the District Attorney of the 22nd Judicial, the St. Tammany Parish Jail, the City Court of East St. Tammany, the Clerk of Court, the Registrar of Voters, the Justices of the Peace, the Constables, the Bailiffs, and the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of transparency to the public, the state mandated agencies, and the Parish Council, this document will communicate and document how the rededication will directly affect the daily operations of and the level of services provided by these agencies to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Council is requesting the Parish President to provide a proposed budget amendment when the 2025 budget is introduced at the October 2, 2024 Council meeting; the purpose of the proposed budget amendment is to lay out the funding plan for state mandated agencies, if the Sales Tax District No. 3 is rededicated and extended.

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES to request the Parish President to provide a proposed budget amendment with the 2025 budget to reflect the changes that will be made to the 2025 budget if the Sales Tax District No. 3 rededication and extension is approved by the voters.

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

MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED ON THE 5TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

ARTHUR A. LAUGHLIN, COUNCIL CHAIR

ATTEST:

KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, CLERK OF COUNCIL