

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE CALENDAR NO. 7155

ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO. _____

COUNCIL SPONSOR: MR. CANULETTE

PROVIDED BY: CIVIL DIVISION

INTRODUCED BY: MR. LORINO

SECONDED BY: MR. TOLEDANO

ON THE 3RD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2022

ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF A SECOND EXTENSION OPTION AND THE AMENDMENT OF THE EXISTING AMBULANCE SERVICE AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO LA. R.S. 33:4791.1 BETWEEN ST. TAMMANY PARISH GOVERNMENT AND ACADIAN AMBULANCE, INC. FOR THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY AND NON-EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICES WITHIN SPECIFIC SERVICE AREAS OF ST. TAMMANY PARISH.

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2014, St. Tammany Parish Government entered into a Contract for Emergency and Non-Emergency Ambulance Services, Parish of St. Tammany and Including Any Municipality Choosing to Participate via Intergovernmental Agreement with Acadian Ambulance Service, Inc. ("Acadian") to provide emergency and non-emergency medical transportation services within specific areas of St. Tammany Parish (the "Original Contract"); and,

WHEREAS, Article III of the Original Contract, which became effective on January 1, 2015, and was amended on November 25, 2015 and January 29, 2019, provided for a term of four (4) years; and,

WHEREAS, the Original Contract included options to extend the term of the contract for two (2) additional four (4) year terms, the first option beginning January 1, 2019 and ending on December 31, 2022, and the second option beginning on January 1, 2023 and ending on December 31, 2026; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to St. Tammany Parish Council Ordinance Cal. No. 6064, St. Tammany Parish Government exercised its first option to extend the term of the Original Contract in 2018 and amended the Original Contract to add a third option to extend the term of the contract for an additional four (4) year term beginning on January 1, 2027 and ending on December 31, 2030; and,

WHEREAS, the St. Tammany Parish Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the general health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the Parish to retain the current ambulance service provider and exercise the second option to extend the term of the Original Contract beginning on January 1, 2023 and ending on December 31, 2026, as well as to amend the Original Contract to provide for a fourth option to extend the contract for an additional (4) year term beginning January 1, 2031 and ending December 31, 2034; and,

WHEREAS, the determination to exercise the second option to extend the term of the Original Contract was made after careful review of the performance history of Acadian Ambulance Service, Inc. to the citizens of St. Tammany Parish, its familiarity with the geographical regions of the Parish following years of service, the extensive resources Acadian has available to it in service of the Parish, and the proven ability of Acadian to assist the Parish in times other natural or other disaster.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY ORDAINS that it exercises its second option to extend the Ambulance Service Agreement for a four (4) year term beginning on January 1, 2023 and ending on December 31, 2026, with Acadian Ambulance Service, Inc. as the sole provider of emergency and non-emergency ambulance services within the specific areas of St. Tammany Parish identified in the Original Contract, and authorizes the Parish President and Parish Council Chairman to execute an amendment to the Ambulance Service Agreement as provided herein, including an amendment to the Original Contract providing for a fourth extension option period beginning on January 1, 2031 and ending on December 31, 2034, and authorizing the execution of any intergovernmental agreement with any municipality that wishes to participate in the Agreement as part of the "Service Areas" included therein.

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 fifteen (15) days after 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 1ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2022; AND BECOMES ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO. 22-____.

JERRY BINDER, COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, COUNCIL CLERK

MICHAEL B. COOPER, PARISH PRESIDENT

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