

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE CALENDAR NO: 7998

ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO: 25-_____

COUNCIL SPONSOR: MR. COUGLE/MR. PHILLIPS

PROVIDED BY: COUNCIL OFFICE

INTRODUCED BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

ON THE 4TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, PART I, CHAPTER 2 - ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE V. – DEPARTMENTAL ORGANIZATION, TO AMEND SEC. 2-183 – DUTIES OF DEPARTMENTS, RELATIVE TO THE DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INFORMATION.

WHEREAS, Part I, Chapter 2, Article V of the St. Tammany Parish Code of Ordinances sets forth the duties of the various departments within St. Tammany Parish Government; and

WHEREAS, the Council, governing authority of St. Tammany Parish, desires to amend Sec. 2-183 to clarify the duties of the Department of Public Information.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY ORDAINS that the St. Tammany Parish Code of Ordinances, Part I, Chapter 2 – Administration, Article V – Departmental Organization, be amended as follows, to wit:

Part I – CODE OF ORDINANCES

Chapter 2 – ADMINISTRATION

Article V. – DEPARTMENTAL ORGANIZATION

Sec. 2-182. – Duties of departments.

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- (13) The department of public information shall include the public information office and Access St. Tammany, the government access channels. The department shall be responsible for all related communications and information distribution functions as deemed necessary by the parish government. These offices shall provide such administrative and technical support as is necessary to service the needs of the parish, and its citizens. Such duties shall include, but not be limited to, media relations, Access St. Tammany production and programming, maintenance of the parish websites,

responsibility for the parish's social medial outlets and all other actions necessary to carry out the functions of the department. With respect to communications and information distributed by the department it shall, when possible, indicate whether said communication is being made or information is being distributed on behalf of the administration, council, or St. Tammany parish government as a whole. To the extent the department issues a communication or distributes information on behalf of either the council or St. Tammany parish government as a whole, it shall obtain approval from the council administrator before issuing said communication or distributing said information. The department shall distribute communications and information on behalf of the council upon the request of the council administrator.

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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 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 AN DRESULTED IN THE FOLLOWING:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT

THIS ORDINANCE WAS DECLARED DULY ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ON THE 8TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2026; AND BECOMES ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO. 26-.

JOE IMPASTATO, COUNCIL CHAIR

ATTEST:

KATRINA BUCKLEY, COUNCIL CLERK

MICHAEL B. COOPER, PARISH PRESIDENT

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