

ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO. 24-

PROVIDED BY: FINANCE

SECONDED BY: MR. IMPASTATO

ORDINANCE LEVYING INCREASED MILLAGE RATES FOR THE YEAR 2024 FOR DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY ORDAINS that in a public meeting held on September 5, 2024, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the Parish Council voted to increase the millage rates, but not in excess of the prior year's maximum rates, on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2024, and when collected, the revenues from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have been levied. Said millage rates are:

	MILLAGE TRACKING	ADJUSTED MILLAGE	2024 LEVY
PARISH GOVERNMENT			
DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE	1069008	1.56	1.69

REPEAL: All ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption and execution.

WHEREUPON, THIS ORDINANCE WAS READ IN FULL, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE ADOPTION THEREOF, SUBMITTED TO A VOTE, AND THE ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED BY NO LESS THAN TWO-THIRDS OF THE TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL VOTING IN FAVOR AS REQUIRED BY ARTICLE VII, SECTION 23(C) OF THE LOUISIANA CONSTITUTION AND R.S. 47:1705(B). AND RESULTED IN THE FOLLOWING:

ABSENT:

THIS ORDINANCE WAS DECLARED ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ON THE 5TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024, AT LEAST TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING IN FAVOR; AND BECOMES ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO. 24-.

ARTHUR A. LAUGHLIN, COUNCIL CHAIR
ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

ATTEST:

KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, CLERK OF COUNCIL

MICHAEL B. COOPER, PARISH PRESIDENT
ST. TAMMANY PARISH GOVERNMENT

Published Introduction: JUNE 26, 2024

Published Adoption: _____, 2024

Delivered to Parish President: _____, 2024 at _____

Returned to Council Clerk: _____, 2024 at _____

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the ordinance adopted at the board meeting held on ____ day of _____ at which meeting at least two-thirds of the members was present and voting.

Mandeville, Louisiana, this ____ day of _____, 2024

Katrina L. Buckley, Clerk of Council
St. Tammany Parish

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENT
MILLAGE ORDINANCE – JULY 2024

The millage for Drainage Maintenance is proposed to be rolled forward. A roll forward is when the millage rate is increased after reassessment from the adjusted maximum millage rate to a rate not in excess of the “prior year’s maximum.” The roll forward would be to the maximum authorized levy which is the same as the 2023 levy.

The Drainage Maintenance millage is for the purpose of improving, maintaining and constructing, bulk heading and bridging drainage ways, drainage ditches, drainage channels, and drainage canals within the Parish and related non-capital expenditures. The authorized levy period is from 2021-2030. This millage is crucial to mitigating flood risk and providing investments to our drainage systems. As shown on page 2 of the 2024 Operating Budget Ordinance, the net revenues after collection fees and assessments are approximately \$4,311,378 and operating expenditures are \$987,300, with available revenue over expenditures of \$3,324,078 for capital improvements. Page 18 of the 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Plan, exhibit to the 2024 Capital Budget Ordinance, shows over \$39 million in drainage projects. Therefore, funds from the rollforward would aid in financing these projects.

The estimated amount of tax revenues to be collected in the next tax year is \$5,244,451, an increase of \$403,419. These amounts are presented gross before deductions for pension assessment fees and uncollectible accounts. The estimated cost to a home valued at \$300,000 is \$38.03, an increase of \$2.93.

However, the millage for the St. Tammany Parish Coroner’s Office is proposed to be decreased by .42 mills, which will result in no overall additional cost to taxpayers from these actions.

			2024
	2023	2024	LEVY AT THE
	LEVY	ADJUSTED	MAXIMUM
		MILLAGE	AUTHORIZED
PARISH GOVERNMENT			
DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE	1.69	1.56	1.69