

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE CALENDAR NO.: 7667

ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO.: 24-

COUNCIL SPONSOR: LAUGHLIN/IMPASTATO

PROVIDED BY: CIVIL DA/COUNCIL OFFICE

INTRODUCED BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

ON THE 1ST DAY OF AUGUST, 2024

ORDINANCE TO AMEND ST. TAMMANY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, PART I – CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2 – ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE XVI – MORATORIUMS, SEC. 2-260 – DECLARED ONLY BY ORDINANCE, TO REVISE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS UPON THE RENEWAL OF A MORATORIUM

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish Government has the authority to establish moratoriums on certain activities in the Parish in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens;

WHEREAS, all moratoriums must be established by ordinance in compliance with Chapter 2, Article XVI of the St. Tammany Parish Code of Ordinances; and,

WHEREAS, in order to provide greater transparency to the public relative to the purpose for the moratorium, it is necessary to revise Sec. 2-620 to require that a councilmember seeking to renew or extend a moratorium provide a report justifying the continuation of moratorium at the public meeting when the moratorium renewal ordinance is introduced, rather than providing an internal written report to the council administrator.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY ORDAINS that St. Tammany Parish Code of Ordinances, Part I – Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2 – Administration, Article XVI - Moratoriums, Sec. 2-260 – Declared only by ordinance, be amended to require a report by the councilmember seeking to renew or extend a moratorium be given at the public meeting upon introduction of the ordinance renewing or extending the moratorium, as reflected below:

Sec. 2-620. Declared only by ordinance.

No building moratorium or cessation of construction and/or the ceasing and desisting of the issuance of building permits of a general nature in any portion of the unincorporated limits of the parish shall be declared or mandated except by ordinance of the governing body of the parish.

Prior to any motion to introduce a moratorium, the proposed ordinance shall be posted on the parish website for 30 days, along with a description of the geographic area subject to the proposed moratorium and a written justification for enacting the moratorium. When the motion to introduce is made at a regular council meeting, the council representative for the district in which the moratorium is proposed shall discuss the reasoning and justification for the proposed moratorium, present the initial timeline and process for addressing the basis of the moratorium, and respond to public comments and questions if applicable. ~~Three months after a new moratorium is in place, the council member for the district in which the moratorium is in place shall provide an update on the status of the moratorium at a regular council meeting. Upon the proposed renewal of any moratorium, the council representative for the district in which the moratorium is in place shall provide to the council administrator for dissemination to all council members a detailed written account of any progress made towards addressing the basis for the moratorium and plans for next steps prior to the council's vote to renew the moratorium.~~

The extension or renewal of any moratorium shall be by ordinance. At the public meeting where an ordinance to extend or renew a moratorium is introduced, the council member seeking the renewal or extension shall provide a report stating the justification for continuing the moratorium and providing an updated timeline to address the underlying basis of the moratorium, and to respond to public comments and questions if applicable. Parish

administrative departments and other governmental agencies shall cooperate in providing reports or project status information related to a moratorium upon request of the Parish Council pursuant to Home Rule Charter Sec. 3-09(A)(7).

The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to emergency moratoriums enacted according to section 2-623.

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 5TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024; AND BECOMES ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO. 24-_____.

ARTHUR LAUGHLIN, COUNCIL CHAIR

ATTEST:

KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, COUNCIL CLERK

MICHAEL B. COOPER, PARISH PRESIDENT

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