

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE CALENDAR NO.: 7590

ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO.: 24-_____

COUNCIL SPONSOR: MR. IMPASTATO

PROVIDED BY: CIVIL DA

INTRODUCED BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

ON THE 1ST DAY OF AUGUST, 2024

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF ST. TAMMANY PARISH, LOUISIANA, PART I, CHAPTER 35 - ROADS AND BRIDGES, ARTICLE I - IN GENERAL, SECTION 35-35: DIRECTIONAL BORING OPERATIONS TO ADD SECTION 35 – 35(E): UNDERGROUD FACILITIES DAMAGE PREVENTION BOARD

WHEREAS, improper directional boring has posed a significant risk to public safety and has damaged existing underground utilities in the parish, including but not limited to gas, electric, water, and telecommunication lines. These risks have resulted in numerous service disruptions, costly repairs, and created potential hazardous situations for workers and the public; and,

WHEREAS, it is the priority of St. Tammany Parish Government to protect and preserve the health, safety, and welfare of its residents; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to create an Underground Facilities Damage Prevention Board in order to enforce the ordinances in effect regarding directional boring operations.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY ORDAINS that the St. Tammany Parish Code of Ordinances, Part I, Chapter 35 – Roads and Bridges, Article I – In General, Section 35-35 – Directional Boring Operations be amended to add Section 35-35(E) – Underground Facilities Damage Prevention Board, to provide as follows:

Sec. 35-35. Directional Boring Operations

- E. Underground Facilities Damage Prevention Board. There is created an Underground Facilities Damage Prevention Board for the purposes of enforcing this chapter.

(1.) The board shall consist of five (5) members who shall be freeholders and qualified voters within St. Tammany Parish and shall be composed as follows:

(a) One (1) representative of the electrical industry chosen by said industry and appointed by the Parish Council;

(c) One (1) representative of the natural gas industry chosen by said industry and appointed by the Parish Council;

(d) One (1) representative of the internet service provider industry chosen by said industry and appointed by the Parish Council;

(e) One (1) representative of the St. Tammany Parish Public Works Department chosen by said department and appointed by the Parish Council; and

(g) One (1) representative of Tammany Utilities chosen by said utility and appointed by the Parish Council;

- (2.) The membership of the first board shall serve respectively, one for one year, one for two years, one for three years, and one for four years, and one for five years and all appointed members shall serve a term of five (5) years after the initial terms.
- (3.) The board shall meet no less than three (3) times each year, with a date and time to be set by its chairman upon at least five (5) business days' notice provided by United States mail, electronic mail or personal delivery to every board member.
- (4) Four (4) members of the board shall constitute a quorum and a majority vote of those present and voting at any meeting shall be necessary to transact business.
- (5) The members of the board shall serve without compensation.

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 ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ON THE 5TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024; AND BECOMES ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO. 24-.

ARTHUR A. LAUGHLIN, COUNCIL CHAIR

ATTEST:

KATRINA BUCKLEY, COUNCIL CLERK

MICHAEL B. COOPER, PARISH PRESIDENT

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