

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE CALENDAR NO: 7910AA

ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO: 25-_____

COUNCIL SPONSOR: IMPASTATO/ COOPER

PROVIDED BY: PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

INTRODUCED BY: MS. CAZAUBON

SECONDED BY: MR. CORBIN

ON THE 10th DAY OF JULY, 2025

ORDINANCE TO ADDRESS PUBLIC COMMENTS, IMPROVE CODE ADMINISTRATION, MAKE MINOR CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS, AND CLARIFY THE ST. TAMMANY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES (PARISHWIDE).

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) conducted a Community Assistance Visit (CAV) with St. Tammany Parish on March 11, 2024, to evaluate compliance with National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements; and

WHEREAS, the CAV review of community policies, procedures, and field site visits identified deficiencies in the Parish's Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, FEMA requires St. Tammany Parish to adopt amendments to the Unified Development Code to address the identified deficiencies in order to maintain good standing and eligibility in the NFIP; and

WHEREAS, participation in the NFIP ensures that property owners in St. Tammany Parish have access to federally backed flood insurance and remain eligible for post-disaster federal assistance; and

WHEREAS, the NFIP currently provides 29,618 flood insurance policies in St. Tammany Parish, affording \$9.29 billion in coverage, and has paid out \$1.2 billion in cumulative claims since 1971; and

WHEREAS, participation in the NFIP is also a prerequisite for participation in the Community Rating System (CRS), a voluntary FEMA program that provides flood insurance premium discounts to communities that exceed minimum NFIP standards; and

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish currently maintains a CRS Class 7 rating, resulting in a 15% discount on flood insurance premiums for residents and totaling over \$2.6 million in annual premium savings Parish-wide; and

WHEREAS, continued CRS participation and potential improvement of the Parish's rating are dependent on timely compliance with NFIP requirements and updated floodplain regulations; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments are necessary to align the Unified Development Code with federal standards and ensure enforceable and consistent floodplain development requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY ORDAINS that it amends Section 900-6.7 of The Unified Development Code to update the Flood Hazard Area Requirements, as outlined in Exhibit A, to address FEMA-identified deficiencies and maintain NFIP compliance.

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 be effective upon final adoption.

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 7th DAY OF AUGUST, 2025; AND BECOMES ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO. 25-
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JOE IMPASTATO, COUNCIL CHAIR

ATTEST:

KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, COUNCIL CLERK

MICHAEL B. COOPER, PARISH PRESIDENT

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Returned to Council Clerk: _____, 2025 at _____.