

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO.: C-7142

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PROVIDED BY: COUNCIL OFFICE

RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION C-7080 TO CLARIFY THE ROLE AND PURPOSE OF THE TRANSPARENCY AND RESOURCE ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE (TRAC).

WHEREAS, the Transparency and Resource Accountability Committee (TRAC) is committed to promoting transparency, accountability, and efficiency across all St. Tammany Parish taxing agencies; and

WHEREAS, TRAC's mission is to review fiscal policies, budgeting practices, and financial operations to ensure responsible stewardship of public resources. Through data-driven analysis, stakeholder engagement, and adherence to best practices, TRAC aims to strengthen financial clarity and increase public trust in St. Tammany's governmental operations; and

WHEREAS, TRAC's overarching goal is to reduce costs without reducing services, by identifying opportunities for savings, improved processes, and enhanced cooperation among taxing bodies; and

WHEREAS, the objectives of TRAC are as follows:

1. To foster collaboration between all St. Tammany Parish taxing agencies;
2. To forecast future funding needs and potential revenue sources to inform tax reform initiatives;
3. To identify and report opportunities for process improvements that enhance efficiency and effectiveness;
4. To ensure Parish government funds are properly allocated and expenditures are aligned with operational priorities; and
5. To review the financial operations of government agencies seeking Council approval for ballot measures, and to provide recommendations when requested; and

WHEREAS, the procedures and methodology for TRAC's review process are detailed in the TRAC Scope Document, which serves as a guiding framework for consistent and objective evaluations; and

WHEREAS, the mission and purpose of TRAC align with the broader goals of the Parish Council. TRAC serves as a focused instrument to identify areas for improvement, collaboration, and transparency—ultimately to serve the best interests of the community; and

WHEREAS, TRAC shall function as a workgroup reporting to the Finance Committee, with members appointed by the Council Chairman; and

WHEREAS, TRAC may require support from Parish staff on an as-needed basis, including but not limited to the Council Administrator, Director of Finance, and Council Attorney, as well as input from other government agencies, community leaders, business professionals, and financial experts; and

WHEREAS, members of TRAC are expected to engage cooperatively with all taxing agencies within St. Tammany Parish to promote transparency and build public trust in local governance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Tammany Parish Council hereby amends Resolution C-7080 to clarify the role and purpose of the Transparency and Resource Accountability Committee (TRAC), emphasizing its mission to reduce taxpayer costs without reducing services, while fostering transparency, efficiency, and public trust.

THIS RESOLUTION HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED TO A VOTE; THE VOTE THEREON WAS AS
FOLLOWS:

MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED DULY ADOPTED ON THE 7TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2025, AT A
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING
PRESENT AND VOTING.

JOE IMPASTATO, COUNCIL CHAIR

ATTEST:

KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, COUNCIL CLERK