

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE CALENDAR NO: 7721

ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO: 24-

COUNCIL SPONSOR: LAUGHLIN/COOPER

PROVIDED BY: PARISH PRESIDENT’S OFFICE

INTRODUCED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

ON THE 3<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024

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

WHEREAS, to improve land management in St. Tammany Parish, the Parish Council adopted Part II: The Unified Development Code (UDC) on December 18, 2023, via Ordinance No. 23-5339 (unanimously approved, with 1 absent), to streamline, simplify, and improve overall code navigation and to reduce permitting confusion, remove redundancy, and align Parish procedures; and

WHEREAS, this work addressed much needed policy amendments, procedural clarification, code reorganization, as well as updates that provided regulation consistency with regards to code terminology, references, and formatting; and

WHEREAS, as part of the UDC development process, specifically in meetings in December 2023, additional stakeholder feedback was provided relative to natural area requirements, zoning standards, and other regulations in the UDC; and

WHEREAS, the Parish Council amended the effective date of the St. Tammany Parish Code of Ordinances: Part II Unified Development Code (UDC) to August 2, 2024 to allow the Parish Council and Parish Administration time to review and amend codal provisions as necessary prior to the original July 1, 2024 effective date, via Ordinance No. 24-5484; and

WHEREAS, Round 1 and Round 2 of the UDC Housekeeping amendments were considered and adopted to revise Part II: The Unified Development Code (UDC) on July 11, 2024, via Ordinance No. 24-5513, to address much needed policy amendments, procedural clarification, code reorganization, as well as updates that provided regulation consistency with regards to code terminology, references, and formatting; and

WHEREAS, Round 3 of the UDC Housekeeping amendments were unanimously recommended for approval at the August 13, 2024 Planning and Zoning Commission hearing and have been introduced at the September 5, 2024 Council hearing under Ordinance Calendar No. 7698; and

WHEREAS, following the UDC’s August 2, 2024 implementation date, Parish staff, Councilmembers, and Commissioners isolated additional edits or changes, and conducted a series of meetings with stakeholders to discuss comments, deliberate, and reach consensus; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance aims to resolve these comments in support of UDC implementation which took effect August 2, 2024 to clarify, correct, and reincorporate previous standards necessary for the successful and predicable management of land in the Parish; and

WHEREAS, the UDC is intended to be a living document: updated and amended as community values change and evolve and as procedural improvements become practical; and

WHEREAS, the Parish acknowledges this amendment to Part I: Code of Ordinances and Part II: Unified Development Code is not the final opportunity to amend existing Parish land

development standards, but represents another critical step in creating a usable and clear code from which to continuously advance goals of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2024 the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the proposed UDC amendments (as amended) detailed in **Exhibit A**.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY ORDAINS that it amends Part I: Code of Ordinances and Part II: Unified Development Code in accordance with code amendments detailed in **Exhibit A**, to continue to refine, correct, and improve the UDC through public hearings that include a review of edits that are tracked for the public’s awareness, reference, and feedback.

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 November 7, 2024.

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 7<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024; AND BECOMES ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO. 24-\_\_\_\_\_.

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ARTHUR A. LAUGHLIN, COUNCIL CHAIR

ATTEST:

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KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, COUNCIL CLERK

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MICHAEL B. COOPER, PARISH PRESIDENT

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