

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE CALENDAR NO.: 7724

ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO.: 24-

COUNCIL SPONSOR: MR. LAUGHLIN

PROVIDED BY: CIVIL DA/COUNCIL OFFICE

INTRODUCED BY:

SECONDED BY:

ON THE 3RD DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE REVISED UNIFIED
DEVELOPMENT CODE, CHAPTER 100 – ADMINISTRATION, SEC. 100-2 –
UDC ADMINISTRATORS, SUBSECTIONS 100-2.2 AND 100-2.5, TO
REINCORPORATE ALTERNATE MEMBERS

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish Government has undertaken a review, reorganization, and revision of the Unified Development Code (“UDC”), which became effective on August 2, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the revised UDC inadvertently excluded the appointment of alternate members to the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Adjustment; and

WHEREAS, in order to form a quorum, the Planning and Zoning Commission requires that eight (8) members be present to convene, and the Board of Adjustment requires four (4) members be present to form a quorum. Alternate members of the aforementioned Commissions generally attend all meetings and ensure that a quorum of members is present at each meeting; and

WHEREAS, the UDC will be amended to incorporate the appointment of alternate members to the Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of Adjustment; however, the meetings of those Boards are scheduled to convene before the amendment can be made; and

WHEREAS, the St. Tammany Parish Council adopted ordinance Council Series No. 24-5515, which was an emergency ordinance to amend the revised Unified Development Code, Chapter 100 – Administration, Sec. 100-2 – UDC Administrators, subsections 100-2.2 and 100-2.5, to reincorporate alternate members, and subsequently extended it for an additional 30 days by adopting Ordinance Council Series No. 24-5540; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to extend said thirty (30) day emergency ordinance for an additional thirty (30) days to ensure that a quorum of members is present and that the alternate members previously appointed by the Parish Council can be seated on those commissions.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY ORDAINS that pursuant to Home Rule Charter Sec. 2-14, the revised Uniform Development Code, Chapter 100 – Administration, Sec. 100-2 UDC Administrators, Subsection 100-2.2 – Planning and Zoning Commission and Subsection 100-2.5 – Board of Adjustment, be amended to reincorporate alternate members to the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Adjustments, to read as follows:

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SEC. 100-2.2 – PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION.

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C. Composition.

1. The Planning and Zoning Commission shall be composed of 11 members and 2 alternate members.
2. The Parish President shall have the unilateral and exclusive right to appoint 2 members. These exclusive appointments by the Parish President do not require action by resolution or ordinance.
3. The Parish Council, by resolution, shall have the unilateral and exclusive right to appoint 9 members and 2 alternates.

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SEC. 100-2.5 – BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.

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B. Membership and Term.

- 1. The Board of Adjustment shall consist of 5 members, and 2 alternate members, all of whom shall be qualified voters.
- 2. Members shall be appointed for terms of 5 years each. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term of any member whose term becomes vacant.
- 3. Four appointments and 2 alternates shall be made by resolution of the Parish Council.
- 4. One appointment shall be made by appointment of the Parish President.

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THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY FURTHER ORDAINS that this emergency ordinance be in effect for thirty days from the implementation of the revised UDC, and may be extended by Parish Council in accordance with Home Rule Charter Sec. 2-14(C).

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 immediately upon 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 EMERGENCY ORDINANCE WAS DECLARED DULY ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ON THE 3RD DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024; AND BECOMES ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO. 24-_____.

ARTHUR A. LAUGHLIN, COUNCIL CHAIR

ATTEST:

KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, COUNCIL CLERK

MICHAEL B. COOPER, PARISH PRESIDENT

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