

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE CALENDAR NO.: 8038

ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO.: 26-

COUNCIL SPONSOR: MR. IMPASTATO/ PRES. COOPER

PROVIDED BY: PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

INTRODUCED BY: MR. IMPASTATO

SECONDED BY: MR. LAUGHLIN

ON THE 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2026

ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 400-7 OVERLAY DISTRICTS OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING TO GRANT EXCLUSIONS TO THE SPECIAL DESIGN STANDARDS WITHIN THE RES-1 AND RES-2 RESILIENCE OVERLAY DISTRICTS (PARISHWIDE)(2025-4455-ZC)

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish recognizes that the purpose of the RES-1 and RES-2 Resilience Overlay Districts is to promote resilient building practices, reduce flood risk, and protect public safety, property, and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Parish Council further recognizes that not all properties within the boundaries of the RES-1 and RES-2 Overlays present equal levels of flood vulnerability or drainage sensitivity; and

WHEREAS, the Parish Council finds that certain parcels—due to their elevation, lack of proximity to repetitive loss areas, absence of wetlands, or location outside Areas of Special Concern and Critical Drainage Areas may not require the full application of the special design standards set forth in Section 400-7; and

WHEREAS, the Parish Council further finds that the current ordinance structure does not provide sufficient administrative flexibility to address parcels that do not contribute to drainage risk, floodplain impacts, or adverse watershed effects; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Engineering is the Parish authority with the technical expertise necessary to evaluate site-specific hydrologic, hydraulic, and environmental conditions for each parcel; and

WHEREAS, granting the Department of Engineering the authority to issue administrative exclusions to the RES-1 and RES-2 special design standards, when supported by technical findings, supports resilient development while preventing unnecessary regulatory burden on property owners; and

WHEREAS, the Parish Council declares that providing a clear and objective exclusion process promotes fair application of regulations, improves administrative efficiency, and aligns with best practices in floodplain management; and

WHEREAS, the Parish Council finds it necessary and proper to amend Section 400-7 to codify and formally authorize the Department of Engineering to grant such exclusions to ensure consistent, transparent, and technically justified decision making.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY ORDAINS that it amends Part II: The Unified Development Code in accordance with the code amendments detailed in the attached, Exhibit A.

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.

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 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026; AND BECOMES ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO. 26-.

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CHERYL TANNER, 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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