

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE CALENDAR NO.: 8086

ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO.: 26-_____

COUNCIL SPONSOR: TANNER/PRES. COOPER

PROVIDED BY: PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

INTRODUCED BY: MR. BURKE

SECONDED BY: MR. LAUGHLIN

ON THE 9TH DAY OF APRIL, 2026

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

AMEND CHAPTER 400 – ZONING, SECTION 400-8 USE STANDARDS TO CLARIFY THE MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR GAS STATIONS WITHIN THE HC-1 AND HC-2 HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS.

AMEND CHAPTER 600 – GENERAL DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, SECTION 600-4.3 SIGN STANDARDS TO CLARIFY PROHIBITIONS FOR BILLBOARDS ALONG INTERSTATE INTERCHANGES TO BE CONSISTENT WITH DOTD STATE STANDARDS AND TO ADD GREATER SPACING REQUIREMENTS.

AMEND CHAPTER 600 – GENERAL DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, SECTION 600-3 LAND CLEARING, TREE PRESERVATION, AND LANDSCAPING TO REORGANIZE, CONSOLIDATE, AND CLARIFY EXISTING, DISPERSED REGULATIONS INTO A SINGLE, NEW COMPREHENSIVE SECTION, BEING SECTION 600-3.5 WATERWAY BUFFERS.

AMEND CHAPTER 900 – INFRASTRUCTURE, SECTION 900-2.3 LOT STANDARDS TO REVISE THE PLANTING REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL NEWLY CREATED OR EXTENDED SUBDIVISIONS OR PUDS WITH MORE THAN 25 LOTS.

WHEREAS, the St. Tammany 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, 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, 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 II: The 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

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 Housekeeping Text Amendments No. 18, **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 10 days after final signature.

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 7TH DAY OF MAY, 2026; AND BECOMES ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO. 26-
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CHERYL TANNER, COUNCIL CHAIR

ATTEST:

KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, COUNCIL CLERK

MICHAEL B. COOPER, PARISH PRESIDENT

Published Introduction: MARCH 25, 2026

Published Adoption: _____

Delivered to Parish President: _____, 2026 at _____

Returned to Council Clerk: _____, 2026 at _____

FISCAL NOTE

TITLE	ORDINANCE TO ADDRESS PUBLIC COMMENTS, IMPROVE CODE ADMINISTRATION, MAKE MINOR CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS, AND CLARIFY THE ST. TAMMANY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES (PARISHWIDE) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amend Chapter 400 – Zoning, Sec. 400-8 Use Standards to clarify the minimum regulations for Gas Stations within the HC-1 and HC-2 Highway Commercial Districts. • Amend Chapter 600 – General Development Standards, Sec 600-4.3 Sign Standards to clarify prohibitions for billboards along interstate interchanges to be consistent with DOTD State standards and to add greater spacing requirements. • Amend Chapter 600 – General Development Standards, Sec. 600-3 Land Clearing, Tree Preservation, and Landscaping to reorganize, consolidate, and clarify existing, dispersed regulations into a single, new comprehensive section, being Section 600-3.5 Waterway Buffers. • Amend Chapter 900 – Infrastructure, Sec. 900-2.3 Lot Standards to revise the planting requirements for all newly created or extended subdivisions or PUDs with more than 25 lots.
INTRODUCED	April 9, 2026
EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION	Expenditures would not change. The proposed ordinance amends Chapters 400, 600, and 900 of the St. Tammany Parish Code of Ordinances. This would not increase costs as the task would be conducted by existing staff during their job duties.
REVENUE EXPLANATION	Not applicable

EXPENDITURES			
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
GENERAL FUND	\$	\$	\$
DEDICATED FUNDS: PUBLIC WORKS	\$-0-	\$-0-	\$-0-
GRANT FUNDS:	\$	\$	\$
OTHER FUND:	\$	\$	\$
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ANNUAL TOTAL	\$-0-	\$-0-	\$-0-

REVENUES			
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
GENERAL FUND	\$	\$	\$
DEDICATED FUNDS:	\$	\$	\$
GRANT FUNDS:	\$	\$	\$
OTHER FUND:	\$	\$	\$

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ANNUAL TOTAL	\$	\$	\$

PROVIDED BY:	Departments of Finance and Engineering
DATE:	