

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO. C-7307

COUNCIL SPONSOR: MR. BURKE

PROVIDED BY: COUNCIL STAFF

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT IN CONNECTION WITH APPLICATIONS FOR RATE INCREASES BY UTILITIES, THE LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION CONSIDER THE DISPROPORTIONATE ECONOMIC BURDEN PLACED UPON UTILITY CUSTOMERS WITH OLDER PROPERTIES IN THE UTILITY PROVIDER'S TERMS OF SERVICE.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Public Service Commission (the "Commission"), through its Order Nos. U-37570 and U-36790, approved certain wastewater service rates for Magnolia Water Utility Operating Company ("Magnolia") impacting residents of St. Tammany Parish; and

WHEREAS, it appears that Magnolia submitted its Standard Terms of Service with respect to wastewater services for consideration in the Commission's approval of those new wastewater service rates; and

WHEREAS, residents have raised concerns over the allocation of costs between Magnolia and its customers located on older developed properties as they pertain to "service sewers"; and

WHEREAS, those specific concerns pertain to service sewers which currently run underneath public roads to reach the closest "collecting sewer"; and

WHEREAS, the current wastewater terms of service identify that the customer is responsible for all repairs to "service sewers"; and

WHEREAS, Magnolia has franchise agreements with Parish Government that allow it to use and perform work within Parish-owned rights-of-way, enabling a prompt response to emergencies; and

WHEREAS, it appears in many instances that Magnolia's customers do not have agreements with St. Tammany Parish related to those "service sewers" which run under or alongside parish roads; and

WHEREAS, these combined circumstances create a potential for Magnolia's customers to be responsible for extraordinary costs to the extent any "service sewer" repair would require the demolition of some portion of parish-owned roads.

THEREFORE, THE PARISH COUNCIL OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES to urge and request the Louisiana Public Service Commission, if possible, to reconsider its Order Nos. U-37570 and U-36790 as they specifically pertain to that portion of Magnolia's customer base with existing "service sewers" running beneath or alongside public roads and the disproportionate economic impact born by them pursuant to Magnolia's terms of service, and to further take such issues into consideration for any future rate approval sought by a utility provider.

THE RESOLUTION HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED TO A VOTE, AND THE VOTE THEREON WAS AS FOLLOWS:

MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY: _____ SECONDED BY: _____

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED ON THE 7TH DAY OF MAY, 2026, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MMEBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

CHERYL TANNER, COUNCIL CHAIR

ATTEST:

KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, COUNCIL CLERK