

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE CALENDAR NO. 7321

ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO. 23-_____

COUNCIL SPONSOR: MR. AIREY

PROVIDED BY: BUTLER SNOW LLP AND STRATEGIC DEMOGRAPHICS, LLC ON BEHALF OF COUNCIL

INTRODUCED BY: MR. CANULETTE

SECONDED BY: MS. TANNER

ON THE 13TH DAY OF JULY , 2023

ORDINANCE TO IMPLEMENT A TECHNICAL CORRECTION IN THE DESCRIPTION OF PARISH COUNCIL DISTRICT 12 IN SECTION 2-41(12) OF THE ST. TAMMANY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES BY REFERRING TO THE RECENTLY REALIGNED PRECINCT DESIGNATION NUMBER.

WHEREAS, a redistricting plan was adopted by the parish on December 8, 2022 as Ordinance Council Series No. 22-5061; and

WHEREAS, on March 29, 2023, the St. Tammany Parish Council adopted Ordinance Council Series No. 23-5110 to realign precinct boundaries, to split and merge certain precincts to conform with state law, to correct precinct boundary descriptions, to conform the descriptions of council districts by reference to the newly realigned precincts, and for related purposes; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance Council Series No. 23-5110 contains an error in amending Code of Ordinances Section 2-41(12), which describes Council District 12. The error transposed references to Precincts S16 and S20. Ordinance No. 23-5110 stated that Precinct S16 was deleted from the description of District 12 and that Precinct S20 was part of Council District 12. In reality, Precinct S20 had been merged into Precinct S16, the resulting Precinct S16 should have been included in the list of precincts comprising District 12, and Precinct S20 should have been deleted from the description of District 12; and

WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing, the parish council finds that a technical correction should be made to the description of District 12 in Section 2-41(12) of the St. Tammany Parish Code of Ordinances; now therefore

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY ORDAINS that Section 2-41(12) of the St. Tammany Parish Code of Ordinances, as previously amended by the redistricting Ordinance Council Series No. 22-5061, and by the precinct realignment Ordinance Council Series No. 23-5110, is hereby amended as set out below. Matter to be omitted is shown by strikeout type and new matter is shown by underscoring.

Sec. 2-41. Same – Boundaries

The council districts shall be as follows:

[no change to subsections (1) through (11)]

- (12) District 12 consists of precincts 907, 921, S06, S10, S11, S13, S15, S16, S17, S18, ~~S20~~, and S22A.

[no change to subsections (13) and (14)]

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the intent of the parish council in adopting this ordinance is that the council district description herein shall be construed to avoid any gaps, overlaps, or discrepancies between adjacent precincts and districts, and to the extent that any gaps, overlaps, or discrepancies are discovered, they shall be resolved to harmonize the descriptions herein and the reapportionment plan enacted by Ordinance Council Series No. 22-5061.

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 DATES: This Ordinance shall become effective for candidate qualifying purposes with the opening of the next qualifying period for the primary election for members of the parish council following its adoption, which is August 8, 2023. It shall be effective for the parish council to act as the parish’s governing authority according to state law at the end of the term of the incumbent parish councilmembers.

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 ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ON THE 3RD DAY OF AUGUST, 2023; AND BECOMES ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO. 23-_____

JACOB “JAKE” A. AIREY, COUNCIL CHAIR

ATTEST:

KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, COUNCIL CLERK

MICHAEL B. COOPER, PARISH PRESIDENT

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Delivered to Parish President: _____, 2023 at _____

Returned to Council Clerk: _____, 2023 at _____

Comment

This ordinance makes a technical correction to the precinct realignment ordinance (No. 23-5110) adopted March 28, 2023. That ordinance was essentially a “clean up” ordinance to help implement council redistricting ordinance (No. 22-5061) adopted December 8, 2022, and to prepare the parish’s precincts for the 2023 canvass of registered voters required by state law. The precinct realignment ordinance mistakenly transposed references to Precincts S16 and S20 in the description of Council District 12. The transposition mistakenly deleted Precinct S16 from the description of District 12 and stated that Precinct S20 was part of District 12. In reality, Precinct S20 had been merged into Precinct S16, which eliminated S20 as a precinct name. As a result, Precinct S16 – not Precinct S20 – should have been included in the list of precincts comprising District 12.

This ordinance was developed with the advice of the parish’s redistricting counsel and consultants (Butler Snow LLP and Strategic Demographics, LLC) after communications with the St. Tammany Parish Registrar of Voters and the parish council’s staff.