

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE CALENDAR NO. 7446

ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO. 23-

COUNCIL SPONSOR: MR. CANULETTE

PROVIDED BY: Civil DA

INTRODUCED BY: MR. CANULETTE

SECONDED BY: MR. FITZGERALD

ON THE 2ND DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2023

ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING “CONTRACT FOR EMERGENCY AND NON-EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICES FOR THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY AND INCLUDING ANY MUNICIPALITY CHOOSING TO PARTICIPATE VIA INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT” BETWEEN ST. TAMMANY PARISH GOVERNMENT AND ACADIAN AMBULANCE SERVICES, INC. TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCREASED NUMBER OF AMBULANCES STATIONED IN ST. TAMMANY PARISH; TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF “CATASTROPHIC EVENT” DURING A DEFINED PERIOD; AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS.

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Parish and its citizens to amend the Acadian Ambulance Services, Inc. “Contract for Emergency and Non-Emergency Ambulance Services for the Parish of St. Tammany and Including any Municipality choosing to participate via Intergovernmental Agreement,” effective January 1, 2015, and renewed on January 1, 2019, and January 1, 2023, to provide for an increased number of ambulances to accomplish faster response time and more efficient, effective, and complete coverage throughout all areas of St. Tammany Parish; and

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish has seen a growth in population necessitating an increase in the number of ambulances available parish wide in order to provide faster response times and to provide for more efficient dispatching of ambulances throughout all areas of St. Tammany Parish; Section IV. Obligations of Provider, subsection (f)(6) of the above-referenced contract should be amended to increase the minimum number of ambulances to be stationed within and throughout all areas of St. Tammany Parish, including municipalities, to address the increase in population; and

WHEREAS, in addition to increasing the number of ambulances stationed in the Parish, the parties intend to review data pertaining to 911 calls and response scenarios to determine the most efficient and effective manner to utilize Parish and contractual resources; and

WHEREAS, in order to conduct an examination or “pilot” to develop data to inform further potential amendments to the existing contract, the term “catastrophic event,” as defined in Section II. Definitions, subsection (s) of the above-referenced contract should be broadened to permit during a period of time defined by the parties as a “pilot” the use of a tiered response methodology of responding to calls for assistance from the public; and

WHEREAS, at no time during the “pilot” shall the level of service currently being provided to St. Tammany Parish fall below that which is currently being provided.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY ORDAINS that, St. Tammany Parish Government is authorized to amend the “Contract for Emergency and Non-Emergency Ambulance Services for the Parish of St. Tammany Including any Municipality choosing to participate via Intergovernmental Agreement,” effective January 1, 2015, and renewed on January 1, 2019, and January 1, 2023, as follows: (1) amend Section IV. Obligations of Provider, subsection (f)(6) to provide for an increased number of ambulances stationed throughout St. Tammany Parish, (2) redefine the term “catastrophic event” in Section II. Definitions, subsection (s), to allow for a

“pilot” program to be conducted utilizing a tiered response methodology; and (3) to provide for related matters.

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 fifteen (15) days after 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 7TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 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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Returned to Council Clerk: _____, 2023 at _____

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENT

The amendment to the Acadian contract is necessary in order to save lives. The amendment will require additional ambulances to be stationed in the parish and will allow a pilot program to be launched immediately utilizing a tiered response to emergency call outs with the goal to provide more enhanced services throughout the parish.