

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE CALENDAR NO.: 7763

ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO.: 25-

COUNCIL SPONSOR: LAUGHLIN/COOPER

PROVIDED BY: PARISH PRESIDENT’S OFFICE

INTRODUCED BY: MR. BURKE

SECONDED BY: MR. SMITH

ON THE 5TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2024

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

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, Round 1 and Round 2 of the UDC Housekeeping amendments were considered and adopted to revise Part II: The Unified Development Code (UDC) on July 11, 2024, via Ordinance No. 24-5513, Round 3 of the UDC Housekeeping amendments were considered and adopted to revise Part 1: Code of Ordinances and Part II: The Unified Development Code (UDC) on October 3, 2024, via Ordinance No. 24-5592; Round 4 of the UDC Housekeeping amendments were considered and adopted to revise Part 1; Code of Ordinances and Part II: The Unified Development Code (UDC) on November 7, 2024, via Ordinance No. 24-5611, all of which to address much needed policy amendments, procedural clarification, code reorganization, as well as updates that provided regulation consistency with regards to code terminology, references, and formatting; and

WHEREAS, Round 5 of the UDC Housekeeping amendments were unanimously recommended for approval at the October 8, 2024 Planning and Zoning Commission hearing, and have been introduced at the November 7, 2024 Council hearing under Ordinance Calendar No. 2024-7748; and

WHEREAS, following the UDC’s August 2, 2024 implementation date, Parish staff, Councilmembers, and Commissioners isolated additional edits or changes, and conducted a series of meetings with stakeholders to discuss comments, deliberate, and reach consensus; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance aims to resolve these comments in support of UDC implementation which took effect August 2, 2024 to clarify, correct, and reincorporate previous standards necessary for the successful and predictable management of land in the Parish, which should be titled “Round 6 of the UDC Housekeeping Amendments”; 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: 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

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2024 the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended unanimous approval of the proposed Round 6 of the UDC Housekeeping Amendments subject to staff comments which are detailed in **Exhibit A**.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY ORDAINS that it amends Part II: Unified Development Code in accordance with code amendments detailed in **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 January 9, 2024.

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 9TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2025; AND BECOMES ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO. 25-.

JOE IMPASTATO, COUNCIL CHAIR

ATTEST:

KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, COUNCIL CLERK

MICHAEL B. COOPER, PARISH PRESIDENT

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