

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE CALENDAR NO.: 7857

ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO.: 25-

COUNCIL SPONSOR: MS. SEIDEN

PROVIDED BY: COUNCIL OFFICE

INTRODUCED BY: MS. SEIDEN

SECONDED BY: MS. CAZAUBON

ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2025

ORDINANCE TO AMEND ST. TAMMANY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, PART I – CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 28 – OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS, ARTICLE III – WATERWAYS, SEC. 28-121 – OPERATION; SPECIAL SPEED LIMITS; DEFINITIONS, TO CREATE AN ADDITIONAL “DEAD SLOW” SPEED LIMIT ON PORTIONS OF THE TCHEFUNCTE RIVER. (WARD 4, DISTRICT 4)

WHEREAS, in the interest of public safety, health and general welfare, it is necessary to create an additional speed limit of “dead slow” on portions of the Tchefuncte River as described on the attached map; and,

WHEREAS, the identified portion of the Tchefuncte River is along Fairview-Riverside State Park in Madisonville; and,

WHEREAS, thousands of visitors come to the park each year to enjoy recreation including fishing and a walking trail along the Tchefuncte River.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY ORDAINS that St. Tammany Parish Code of Ordinances, Part I – Code of Ordinances, Chapter 28 – Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article III – Waterways, Sec. 28-121 – Operation; Special Speed Limits; Definitions, to create an additional “Dead Slow” speed limit on portions of the Tchefuncte River as reflected below:

**Sec. 28-121. Operation; special speed limits; definitions.**

(a) *Unlawful operation.* It shall be unlawful to operate any vessel or watercraft on any waterway in the parish such that its speed exceeds a speed of "dead slow" within the following described "Dead Slow, No Wake" zones:

- (1) Tchefuncte River area.
  - a. A portion of the Tchefuncte River from a point 1.5 miles upstream from the river's mouth at Lake Pontchartrain to a point 2.75 miles north of the river's mouth at Lake Pontchartrain. This 1.25 mile stretch of river encompasses an area from roughly 700 yards south of the Highway 22 bridge south of the Marina Del Ray entrance to a point in the curve just upstream from the commercially developed portion of Highway 22 that backs up to the river.
  - b. A portion of the Tchefuncte River beginning at a line across the river at a point 200 feet north of an inlet off the river commonly known as High Bridge Canal, and extending 0.5 miles downstream to the mouth of the river at Lake Ponchartrain.
  - c. Within the Tchefuncte Country Club Marina and associated canals and slips, including the mouth of the marina at the Tchefuncte River, in their entirety.
  - d. Within the Marina Beau Chene and associated canals and slips in their entirety.
  - e. Pontchitolowa Creek from its mouth at the Tchefuncte River to a bridge at Highway 190.
  - f. Lake Emfred in its entirety.
  - g. Lazy River Estates Area. Those waterways commonly known as Frances Bayou, Dorothy Bayou, Blanche Bayou, and Sally Bayou in their entirety and Bayou Monga from the power line crossing upstream to Interstate 12.

- h. A portion of the Tchefuncte River beginning at a line across the river at a point 300 feet north of the entrance to Marina Beau Chene, and extending to a line across the river at a point 300 feet south of the entrance to Marina Beau Chene. All costs incurred by the parish with the installation and maintenance of necessary and appropriate signage marking this "Dead Slow, No Wake" zone shall be reimbursed to the parish by Marina Beau Chene.
- i. A portion of the Tchefuncte River located in Sections 40 and 41, Township 7 South, Range 10 East and Sections 53 and 54, Township 7 South, Range 11 East, commencing at a point approximately 250 feet upstream from the Fairview Riverside State Park boundary and ending approximately 1,400 feet downstream. This "Dead Slow Zone" is approximately 2 miles upstream from the La-22 Highway bridge.

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 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2025; AND BECOMES ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO. 25-.

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JOE IMPASTATO, COUNCIL CHAIR

ATTEST:

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KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, COUNCIL CLERK

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MICHAEL B. COOPER, PARISH PRESIDENT

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