

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE CALENDAR NO: 7856

ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO: 25-

COUNCIL SPONSOR: MS. SEIDEN

PROVIDED BY: COUNCIL OFFICE

INTRODUCED BY: MR. BURKE

SECONDED BY: MR. LAUGHLIN

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

ORDINANCE TO AMEND PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2 - ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE X – ST. TAMMANY PARISH TOURIST COMMISSION, SEC. 2-433 – MEMBERSHIP, TO PROVIDE FOR CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP, AND SEC. 2-434 – TOURIST COMMISSION NOMINATING COMMITTEE; NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT PROCEDURES, TO PROVIDE FOR CHANGES IN NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMISSION AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, the tourist and convention industry is important to the economic development and success of St. Tammany Parish; and

WHEREAS, members of the Tourist and Convention Commission play an important role in assuring that all segments of the tourism and convention industry in the Parish are appropriately represented and benefited.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY ORDAINS: that it amends the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Article X, relative to the Tourist and Convention Commission as follows, to wit:

SEC. 2-061.00 Created, Purpose, Name

There is hereby created the St. Tammany Parish Tourist and Convention Commission, being formed for the purpose of promoting conventions and tourism in the Parish.

SEC. 2-062.00 Powers of Board of Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners of the Tourist and Convention Commission created in this Article shall have those powers as designated in Louisiana Revised Statutes 33:4574 through 33:4574.3.

SEC. 2-063-00 Membership

- (a) The parish ~~the~~ Tourist and ~~the~~ Convention ~~the~~ Commission shall be composed of seven regular members who shall be known as commissioners; ~~and two alternate members who shall serve when called upon to constitute a meeting quorum or other purpose necessary to commission function.~~ The commissioners shall serve without compensation and shall be registered voters of the ~~the~~ Parish.
- (b) Six regular commissioners shall be appointed by the ~~the~~ Parish ~~the~~ Council, one regular commissioner shall be appointed by the ~~the~~ Parish ~~the~~ President.
- (c) To the extent reasonably possible, there shall be equal representation of both the east side and west side of the parish in the make-up of the commission, based upon the individual domiciles of the commissioners. Three (3) commissioners shall be domiciled in Ward 8 or Ward 9 of St. Tammany Parish.
- (d) One commissioner domiciled in Ward 8 or Ward 9 shall be a member of the parish hotel/motel and campground association.
- ~~(e) The two alternate members shall be appointed by the parish council.~~
- ~~(f)~~ Each commissioner ~~and alternate member~~ appointed by the ~~the~~ Parish ~~the~~ Council shall be appointed for a term of three years, pursuant to state law (R.S. 33:4574F(2)). Terms shall be staggered in order to enhance and promote continuity of service by the commission.

The commissioner appointed by the ~~p~~Parish ~~p~~President shall serve a one-year term and be domiciled in Ward 8 or Ward 9 during every other term of office and shall be domiciled in the remainder of the parish during the alternate years.

- (~~g~~f) All commissioners appointed as outlined hereinabove may be selected from a list of names submitted to the ~~p~~Parish ~~c~~Council and Parish pPresident by ~~the tourist commission nominating committee containing the nominees' resumes and verification of their interest in one or more aspects of the tourist industry. Alternate members shall be appointed directly by the parish council.~~ private, nonprofit groups that have an interest in one or more aspects of the tourism industry.
- (~~h~~g) Commission membership shall not be term-limited. However, any incumbent commissioner seeking a third or higher term on the commission must participate in the nominating committee process prior to being considered for reappointment by the ~~p~~Parish ~~c~~Council.

SEC. 2-064.00 Tourist Commission ~~Nominating Committee~~; Nomination and Appointment ~~Procedures~~Process

- (a) There is hereby created a ~~t~~Tourist ~~c~~Commission ~~nominating committee~~ nomination and appointment process ~~which shall serve as an advisory board to parish government~~ for purposes of submitting nominations for appointment to the ~~t~~Tourist and ~~c~~Convention ~~c~~Commission. It is the desire and intent of ~~p~~Parish ~~g~~Government to involve as many different elements of the parish community interested in the tourism industry as possible in the selection process for commissioners.
- (b) Names of individuals shall be submitted to the Parish Council by private, nonprofit groups that have an interest in one or more aspects of the tourism industry for consideration of appointment to the Tourist Commission.

1. The private, nonprofit groups that shall submit names are listed below:

- a. Northshore Lodging Association
- b. St. Tammany Restaurant Association
- c. St. Tammany Chamber of Commerce
- d. Northshore Business Council
- e. East St. Tammany Business Alliance
- f. Tourist Commission Board

The Parish Council may add/replace a group at any time by ordinance.

- (c) Whenever a vacancy occurs or a new appointment is required for a Parish Council appointment to the Tourist Commission, the Parish Council shall request names from the private, non-profit groups for submission for appointment to fill the vacancy.

~~The committee shall consist of 15 members comprised of the following:~~

- (1) ~~There shall be 11 members appointed by the following organizations with each organization having one appointment:~~

- ~~a. The parish hotel/motel and campground association;~~
- ~~b. Northshore Chapter of the Louisiana Restaurant Association;~~
- ~~c. The parish-East chamber of commerce;~~
- ~~d. The parish-West chamber of commerce;~~

- ~~e. The parish art association;~~
- ~~f. The parish economic development foundation;~~
- ~~g. Young men's business club of Slidell;~~
- ~~h. Slidell heritage foundation;~~
- ~~i. Northlake Nature Center, Inc.;~~
- ~~j. The parish commission on cultural affairs;~~
- ~~k. Tammany Trace Foundation.~~

~~The parish council may substitute member organizations at any time by ordinance.~~

- ~~(2) There shall be three committee members nominated and appointed by the parish council. Nothing herein shall preclude councilmembers from being nominated for appointment.~~
- ~~(3) There shall be one committee member nominated and appointed by the parish president. Nothing herein shall preclude the parish president or his designee from assuming the appointment.~~
- ~~(c) Neither a commissioner of the tourist and convention commission nor any commission staff may serve as a member of the nominating committee. An alternate member to the commission may also be a nominating committee member.~~
- ~~(d) Whenever a vacancy occurs or a new appointment is required for a parish council appointment to the tourist and convention commission, the parish council shall request the tourist commission nominating committee to convene and compile a list of not less than two nominations for submission for appointment to fill the vacancy. For purposes only of convening the committee, the representative of the parish hotel/motel and campground association or the state restaurant association shall serve as the contact member. Each time the committee meets, it shall elect a chairperson to conduct the meeting.~~
- ~~(e) Any individual, group or association in the parish that has an interest in one or more aspects of the tourist industry may submit to the nominating committee the names of potential commissioners together with a resume and verification of the individual's interest in the tourist industry. Thereafter, the committee shall screen the qualifications and may consider nominating the individual for appointment as a commissioner of the parish tourist and convention commission when a vacancy occurs.~~

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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