

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO.: C-6919

COUNCIL SPONSOR: LAUGHLIN/IMPASTATO

PROVIDED BY: CIVIL DA/ENVIRO. SERVICES DEPT.

ON THE 4TH DAY OF APRIL, 2024

RESOLUTION TO INITIATE PILOT PROGRAM TO IDENTIFY AND INSPECT ON-SITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS IN COUNCIL DISTRICTS 1, 2, 4, 7, AND 11.

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish has the largest number of individual on-site sewage disposal systems (“OSDS”) in the state; and,

WHEREAS, OSDS that are not maintained and functioning properly may cause significant adverse effects to human health and can cause broader environmental impacts if untreated or poorly treated sewage discharges into roadside ditches and waterways; and,

WHEREAS, in order to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the residents of St. Tammany Parish, it is necessary to inspect and determine the functionality of OSDS in order to create effective and comprehensive programs to address deficiencies; and,

WHEREAS, the St. Tammany Parish Council supports a pilot program to be undertaken by the St. Tammany Parish Department of Environmental Services (“DES”) in Council Districts 1, 2, 4, 7, and 11 to inspect a representative sample of approximately 1,000 OSDS in those districts; and,

WHEREAS, any other Council District members may request that their districts be included in the pilot program by contacting the Director of DES; and,

WHEREAS, this resolution is not intended in any way to limit the authority of DES to enter onto private property to inspect and regulate OSDS or any other sewage disposal systems anywhere in the Parish as currently exists under state law and by ordinance; and,

WHEREAS, no fees will be collected from property owners in connection with this pilot program, and it is the intent of DES to educate property owners on proper maintenance of their OSDS; and,

WHEREAS, the information collected by DES through the pilot program will allow the Parish Council to develop comprehensive regulations to address deficient systems to protect the health and welfare of our citizens and our waterways.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES to support the St. Tammany Parish Department of Environmental Services’ pilot program to inspect and collect data on approximately 1,000 individual on-site sewage disposal systems in Council Districts 1, 2, 4, 7, and 11, as well as any other Council Districts upon the request of the Council member to the Director of DES, in order to collect information regarding the functionality of those systems to determine how best to address any deficiencies that may be found.

MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY: _____ SECONDED BY: _____

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED ON THE 4TH DAY OF APRIL, 2024 AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

ARTHUR LAUGHLIN, COUNCIL CHAIR

ATTEST:

KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, COUNCIL CLERK