

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE CALENDAR NO: 5284 ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO: _____

COUNCIL SPONSOR: FALCONER/BRISTER PROVIDED BY: DEVELOPMENT

INTRODUCED BY: _____ SECONDED BY: _____

ON THE 2 DAY OF OCTOBER , 2014

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ST. TAMMANY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 2 (ADMINISTRATION) SECTION 2-009.00 PARISH FEES AND SERVICE CHARGES TO INCLUDE THE TREE BANK PROGRAM FEE FORMULA.

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish Government is in the process of establishing a Tree Bank Program that is intended to mitigate reductions in tree canopy balance associated with new development;

WHEREAS, the Tree Bank Program allows developers to make payment to a Parish escrow account based on a formula when other mitigation options are not feasible;

WHEREAS, the formula is based on industry standards and will be calculated by the Department of Development following an assessment of the affected trees;

WHEREAS, the contributions to the Tree Bank Program will be utilized by St. Tammany Parish Government for the installation and maintenance of landscape projects on public rights-of-way with preference given to projects that have water quality and erosion control benefits;

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY ORDAINS that it amends the St. Tammany Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Section 2-009.00 Parish Fees and Service Charges, Section (B) Development specifically to include the Tree Bank Program formula.

V. Tree Bank Program Fee:

The method for calculation for payments to the Tree Bank Program shall be based on the following formula: \$ 100.00 per caliper inch.

REPEAL: All ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.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 6 DAY OF NOVEMBER , 2014 ; AND BECOMES ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO _____.

R. REID FALCONER, AIA, COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

THERESA L. FORD, COUNCIL CLERK

PATRICIA P. BRISTER, PARISH PRESIDENT

Published Introduction: SEPTEMBER 25 , 2014

Published Adoption: _____ , 2014

Delivered to Parish President: _____ , 2014 at _____

Returned to Council Clerk: _____ , 2014 at _____

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENT

St. Tammany Parish Government is establishing a Tree Bank Program, which is intended to maintain the canopy balance of protected trees in St. Tammany Parish. The program involves payment into a Parish escrow account for trees affected by new development when all other mitigation options are not feasible. The program revenue will be utilized to fund landscape projects within public rights-of-way with preference given to water quality and erosion control projects.

This ordinance will amend the Code of Ordinances to include the Tree Bank Program fee formula into Chapter 2 (Administration) Section 2-009.00 Parish Fees and Service Charges. A related ordinance to establish the Tree Bank Program is also on the October 2014 agenda for introduction.