

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE CALENDAR NO. 3059 ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO. _____

COUNCIL SPONSOR: MR. BINDER PREPARED BY: COUNCIL OFFICE

INTRODUCED BY MR. BINDER SECONDED BY MR. IMPASTATO

ON THE 7th DAY OF APRIL 2005

ORDINANCE TO IMPOSE A SIX-MONTH MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF BUILDING, OCCUPANCY OR OCCUPATIONAL PERMITS OR LICENCES BY ANY PARISH DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY FOR ANY PAIN MANAGEMENT CENTER OR CLINIC WHOSE PRIMARY FOCUS OR CONCENTRATION IS THE PRESCRIBING AND/OR DISPENSING OF PAIN MEDICATION TO INDIVIDUALS WITH COMPLAINTS OF CHRONIC PAIN WHICH IS UNAFFILIATED WITH ANY HOSPITAL OR HOSPICE OR FACILITY FOR THE TREATMENT OF THE TERMINALLY ILL IN UNINCORPORATED ST. TAMMANY PARISH

WHEREAS, to protect and preserve the life, health, safety and property interests of the citizens of St. Tammany Parish from potential hazards of the unregulated establishment of pain management centers or clinics; and

WHEREAS, to allow sufficient time for study and implementation of appropriate land use measures for said uses and the establishment of necessary regulations and standards protecting the public health, safety and welfare.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY ORDAINS that it imposes a six-month moratorium on the issuance of building, occupancy or occupational permits or licenses by any parish department or agency for any pain management center or clinic whose primary focus or concentration is the prescribing and/or dispensing of pain medication to individuals with complaints of chronic pain which is unaffiliated with any hospital or hospice or facility for the treatment of the terminally ill within unincorporated St. Tammany Parish.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the moratorium imposed may be vacated, in whole or in part, by Resolution of this governing body pursuant to Chapter 5, Article II, Section 5-056.00 of the Parish Code of Ordinances.

RÉPEAL: All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.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.

DATE OF ENACTMENT: This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon final adoption.

MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY: _____, SECONDED BY: _____