

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE CALENDAR NO. 3162 ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO. _____
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INTRODUCED BY MR. IMPASTATO SECONDED BY MR BAGERT
ON THE 28TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2005

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2, BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE XI TO PROVIDE FOR CREATION OF THE 22ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT CHILDREN AND YOUTH PLANNING BOARD, ESTABLISHING THE COMPOSITION THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH LA. R.S. 46:1941.1 ET SEQ.

WHEREAS, the 2004 Louisiana Legislature amended and reenacted La. R.S. 46:1941.1 et seq. to reform the juvenile justice system through the creation of children and youth planning boards in each judicial district throughout the State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, in accordance therewith, the governing authority for each parish in each judicial district is mandated to establish a children and youth planning board to assist in the assessment, alignment, coordination, prioritization and measurement of all available services and programs that address the needs of area children and youth; and

WHEREAS, the 22nd Judicial District is the court of proper venue for the Parishes of St. Tammany and Washington. Each respective governing authority is required to enact local legislation to establish said board, appoint members thereto, and provide for other matters in connection therewith.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY ORDAINS that the Parish Council amends the St. Tammany Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, by adding Article XI to establish the 22nd Judicial District Children and Youth Planning Board in accordance with LA. R.S. 46:1941.1 et seq., as follows, to-wit:

CHAPTER 2
ARTICLE XI

22ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT
CHILDREN AND YOUTH PLANNING BOARD

Sec. 2-116.00 22nd Judicial District Children and Youth Planning Board Created

In accordance with La. R.S. 46:1941.1 et seq., there is hereby created the 22nd Judicial District Children and Youth Planning Board to be composed of members appointed by the governing authorities of St. Tammany and Washington Parishes.

The sole responsibility of parish government herein is establishment and appointment of the board and nothing contained in said statutes mandates that the parish is responsible for funding operational expenses of the board.

Sec. 2-116.01 Purpose and Function of Board

The purpose of the 22nd Judicial District Children and Youth Planning Board is to assist in the formulation of a comprehensive plan for the development, implementation, and operation of services and programs that address the needs of children and youth, including those at risk for, or identified with, social, emotional, or developmental problems, including, but not limited to educational failure, abuse, neglect, exposure to violence, juvenile or parental mental illness, juvenile or parental substance abuse, poverty, developmental disabilities and delinquency.

The board is intended to encourage collaborative efforts among local stakeholders for assessing the physical, social, behavioral, and educational needs of children and youth in their respective communities and for assisting in the development of comprehensive plans to address such needs. The infrastructure for planning is intended to be data-driven in order to select appropriate evidence-based programs which will maximize available resources.

Sec. 2-116.02 Legislative Authorization

The Louisiana State Legislature authorizes the establishment of children and youth planning boards to assist in development, implementation, and operation of services which encourage positive development, diversion of children and youth from the criminal justice and the foster care system, reduction in the commitments of youth to state institutions, and providing community response to the growing rate of juvenile delinquency.

The coordination and implementation of services shall include, but are not limited to prevention, early intervention, diversion, alternatives to home displacement, alternatives to incarceration, and treatment services. Through such boards, the state intends to foster and promote a continuum of community-based services and systems reflecting service integration at the state and community or local levels.

The Louisiana Children's Cabinet, a state agency within the Office of the Governor, shall facilitate the creation of children and youth planning boards by offering guidance and technical assistance to local communities and governing authorities, including resource identification, needs assessments, monitoring and performance evaluation, strategic planning and other forms of assistance and support.

Sec. 2-116.03 Board Composition; Terms; Duties

The 22nd Judicial District Children and Youth Planning Board shall encompass the Parishes of St. Tammany and Washington and consist of fourteen (14) members, ten (10) appointed by the St. Tammany Parish governing authority and four (4) appointed by the Washington Parish governing authority.

Those appointed shall include, but need not be limited to: members of the education community, criminal justice community, health care community, social services community, faith-based community, business and labor communities, and parenting and youth organizations.

Terms of all members shall be for a period of two (2) years. Vacancies shall be filled by the original appointing authority in the same manner provided by state law.

Board members representing St. Tammany shall include eight (8) appointed by the Parish Council and two (2) appointed by the Parish President.

The duties and responsibilities of Board members shall be as provided in La. R.S. 46:1941.8.

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 immediately upon final adoption.