

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO. C-2283

COUNCIL SPONSOR: MR. GOULD

PROVIDED BY: COUNCIL OFFICE

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AMEND THE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES OF THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY DIVISION TO INCLUDE ALL OF ST. TAMMANY PARISH WITHIN THE VICKSBURG DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Mississippi Valley Division is divided into Districts generally defined by watershed boundaries; and

WHEREAS, this method of defining District boundaries has the effect of dividing St. Tammany Parish between two Districts; the Vicksburg District administering an eastern portion of the parish and the New Orleans District administering a western portion of the parish; and

WHEREAS, this dividing or split of the parish between two Districts creates inconsistencies in policies, processing and reviews of wetland determinations and development approvals by the Corps within the parish ; and

WHEREAS, additionally, the post-Katrina volume of applications being administered by the New Orleans District, particularly on the southshore of Lake Pontchartrain, is creating extensive delays within St. Tammany Parish for the efforts being made in road and drainage infrastructure improvements to address continued post-storm growth within the parish; and

WHEREAS, while the continuing initiatives and efforts of the New Orleans District to adjust and change its procedures in order to address the high volume of applications and the needs of its constituency are applauded, the overall interests of St. Tammany Parish would be better served by being entirely within the jurisdiction of the Vicksburg District.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES, for the reasons stated above, to request the U.S. Corps of Engineers amend the District boundaries of the Mississippi Valley Division to include all of St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana, within the Vicksburg District.

THIS RESOLUTION HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED TO A VOTE, THE VOTE THEREON WAS AS FOLLOWS:

MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY _____, SECONDED BY _____

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED ON THE _____ DAY OF _____ 2008 AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

JERRY BINDER, COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

DIANE HUESCHEN, COUNCIL CLERK