

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO. C-2263

COUNCIL SPONSOR: MR. HAMAUEI

PROVIDED BY: COUNCIL OFFICE

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF A CULTURAL PRODUCTS DISTRICT AND APPLICATION TO THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE, RECREATION AND TOURISM FOR THE LACOMBE AND BIG BRANCH COMMUNITIES OF UNINCORPORATED ST. TAMMANY PARISH, WARDS 4 AND 7, DISTRICT 7

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature enacted Act 298 of the 2007 Regular Session and enabling the creation of Cultural Products Districts within parishes and municipalities for the purpose of revitalizing communities by creating hubs of cultural activity, including affordable artist housing and work space; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism is charged under Act 298 with the authority to develop standard criteria for the creation of Cultural Products Districts by local governing authorities; and

WHEREAS, said criteria will include requiring Districts to be distinguished by cultural resources that play a vital roll in the life and cultural development of a community, to focus on a cultural compound, art institution, art and entertainment businesses, areas with arts and cultural activities or artesian production, and to be engaged in the promotion, preservation and educational aspects of the arts and culture of the locale; and

WHEREAS, establishment of Culture Products Districts encourage the creation of works of art by local artisans and support the arts and cultural community through certain tax exemptions for the sale of art work and tax incentives for the development of artisan housing, work spaces and the rehabilitation of historic and culturally significant structures; and

WHEREAS, the Parish Council as governing authority, supports the creation of a Cultural Products District within the communities of Lacombe and Big Branch to encompass a specific area more fully described as follows:

An area consisting of the U.S. Highway 190 Corridor from its intersection with Soult Street in unincorporated Mandeville, east to the highway's intersection with Tranquility Road and including the unincorporated areas extending a distance of 1000 feet north and south from the highway centerline.

WHEREAS, the Parish Council further supports the application to the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism for certification of said proposed District under its criteria; and

WHEREAS, upon certification of said District, the Parish Council intends to adopt an ordinance establishing the District and appointing a public agency or community organization to be responsible for the reporting requirements under Act 298 on the impact and success of the District to the art and cultural community within the District.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES, through the Parish Council as governing authority, that it supports the creation of a Cultural Products District in and for the Lacombe and Big Branch communities of unincorporated St. Tammany Parish; and the application to the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism for the approval and certification of the District under its standard criteria , pursuant to Act 298 of the 2007 Louisiana Legislature.

MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY: _____, SECONDED BY: _____

WHEREUPON THIS RESOLUTION WAS SUBMITTED TO A VOTE AND RESULTED IN THE FOLLOWING:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ON THE _____ DAY OF _____ 2008.

ATTEST:

, COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

DIANE HUESCHEN, COUNCIL CLERK