

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE CALENDAR NO: 6714

ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO: _____

COUNCIL SPONSOR: MIKE SMITH

PROVIDED BY: CAO

INTRODUCED BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

ON THE 8 DAY OF JULY , 2021

ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2-182 AND SECTION 2-183 OF THE ST. TAMMANY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE REORGANIZATION OF PARISH DEPARTMENTS

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish Government acquired several water and sewer utility companies through separate acquisitions at different times; and

WHEREAS, those separate independent companies then owned by St. Tammany Parish Government formed what is currently known as Tammany Utilities; and

WHEREAS, at that time there was no established Department of Utilities; and

WHEREAS, at that time Parish Government added Tammany Utilities into the Department of Environmental Services; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Environmental Services is the local regulation department over water and sewer compliance, inspections and permitting; and

WHEREAS, the operation of Tammany Utilities affects the health, safety and welfare of the public; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Parish President to dedicate all of the attention, staff and funds necessary to Tammany Utilities to ensure proper operations and maintenance of Tammany Utilities for the benefit of the citizens of St. Tammany Parish; and

WHEREAS, in order to accomplish separation for compliance review by the Department of Environmental Services and dedication of the attention necessary for the proper operations of Tammany Utilities, the establishment of the Department of Utilities is necessary; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 4-12 of the Home Rule Charter for St. Tammany Parish, and as per law, the Parish President must submit a reorganization plan to the Parish Council; and

WHEREAS, the Parish President hereby submits an administrative reorganization plan whereby a new Department of Utilities is created; and

WHEREAS, the Parish Council, recognized and agreed that the administrative reorganization plan to create the Department of Utilities is reasonable, appropriate and should benefit the residents and businesses of St. Tammany Parish.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY ORDAINS: that the Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Sections 2-182 and 2-183 be amended and restated as follows:

Sec. 2-182. - Establishment of Departments.

The parish administration shall be divided into specific offices and departments. The president hereby creates effective as per sections 2-12(C) or 4-12(C) of the Home Rule Charter, and to take effect immediately from the time of abolition of all prior parish governmental departments, agencies and/or offices, the following parish departments, offices and agencies, as per law and the Home Rule Charter. Each of the following departments shall be staffed by one or more directors as designated by the parish president according to the Home Rule Charter:

- (1) Office of the President;
- (2) Department of Finance;
- (3) Department of Public Works;
- (4) Department of Facilities Management;
- (5) Department of Environmental Services;
- (6) Department of Planning and Development (all references in the Code of Ordinances to the Department of Planning shall mean the Department of Planning and Development);
- (7) Department of Human Resources;
- (8) Legal Department (Civil Division of the District Attorney’s Office of the 22nd Judicial District);
- (9) Department of Technology;
- (10) Department of Animal Services;
- (11) Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Operations;
- (12) Department of Health and Human Services;
- (13) Department of Public Information;
- (14) Department of Grants;
- (15) Department of Procurement;
- (16) Department of Permits and Inspections;
- (17) Department of Engineering; and
- (18) Department of Utilities

Sec. 2-183. - Duties of Departments.

(a) The general duties and responsibilities of each office and/or department herein shall be as follows:

- (1) To perform such services as is necessary to carry out its legislative functions.
- (2) To ensure the safety, health and well-being of the citizens of this parish.
- (3) To be responsive and responsible to the needs of the citizens of the parish.
- (4) To perform other such activities not enumerated herein as directed by the Charter, the president, chief administrative officer and/or deputy chief administrative officer.

(b) The further duties of these offices, agencies and/or departments shall be as follows:

(18) The Department of Utilities shall include, but is not limited to, infrastructure maintenance and improvements, and sewer and water line maintenance and improvements. This department shall be responsible for ensuring the proper care, treatment and/or disposal of sewerage and the proper production and disinfection of potable water. This department shall also be responsible for billing systems associated with providing such services. This department will adhere to and operate under the all laws, rules, and applicable guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and the Louisiana Department of Health. Said duties shall include, but not be limited to, any and all actions necessary to carry out the functions of the department.

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 5 DAY OF AUGUST , 2021 ; AND BECOMES ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO _____.

MICHAEL R. LORINO, JR. , COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, COUNCIL CLERK

MICHAEL B. COOPER, PARISH PRESIDENT

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Administrative comment:

For July 8, 2021 council meeting

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