

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO: C-6468

COUNCIL SPONSOR: LORINO/COOPER

PROVIDED BY: BOND COUNSEL

A RESOLUTION ORDERING AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF A SALES AND USE TAX THEREIN; MAKING APPLICATION TO THE STATE BOND COMMISSION AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, see attached

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES that

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 3 DAY OF JUNE, 2021, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

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MICHAEL R. LORINO, JR., COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, COUNCIL CLERK

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A resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana, to authorize the levy of a sales and use tax therein; making application to the State Bond Commission and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, the St. Tammany Revenue Review Advisory Committee ("Advisory Committee"), comprised of a cross-section of public and private representatives, was established to conduct an independent review of Parish government finances and determine a path toward sustainable revenue for state-mandated expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee undertook a comprehensive review of Parish finances, met numerous times and received input from various sources; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee issued its final report on April 21, 2021 entitled "St. Tammany Revenue Review Advisory Committee Findings and Recommendations" (the "Final Report"); and

WHEREAS, the Final Report recommends a 0.40% sales tax for 7 years to provide a portion of the Parish's state-mandated responsibilities for funding the jail, District Attorney's Office and the 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District Court;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana, (the "Parish"), that:

SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, including Article VI, Section 29 thereof, the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the Parish on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2021**, between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at the said election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION  
(SALES TAX)

Shall the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), be authorized to levy and collect a tax of 0.40% (the "Tax") (an estimated \$22,240,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year) upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and on sales of services in the Parish, all as defined by law, for a period of 7 years, beginning January 1, 2022, with the proceeds of the Tax (after paying the reasonable and necessary expenses of collecting and administering the Tax), to be dedicated and used solely for the purpose of funding the Parish's state-mandated responsibilities to various governmental agencies, including (i) the Sheriff's Office for parish prisoners and maintaining jail facilities, (ii) the District Attorney's Office, (iii) the 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District Court and (iv) required maintenance and operations of the justice center complex?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election. A Notice of Special Election shall be published in the *St. Tammany Farmer*, a newspaper of general circulation within the Parish, published in Covington, Louisiana, and being the official journal of the Parish, once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the election, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to the publication of the Notice of Election, the Council Chairman is authorized and directed to make any amendments to the foregoing proposition that may be required to comply with any state or federal regulatory agencies.

SECTION 3. Canvass. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Council Chambers of the Parish Government Complex, 21490 Koop Drive, Mandeville, Louisiana, on **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2021**, at **SIX O'CLOCK (6:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election.

SECTION 4. Polling Places. The polling places for the precincts in the Parish are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 5. Election Commissioners; Voting Machines. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the said special election as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said election for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the Parish will be entitled to vote at the special election, and voting machines shall be used.

SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers. The Clerk of the Governing Authority is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election and the Chairman and/or Clerk of the Governing Authority are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the election.

SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials. Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Parish Custodian of Voting Machines of St. Tammany Parish and the Registrar of Voters of St. Tammany Parish, as notification of the special election, in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 8. Application to State Bond Commission. Application is made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the special election as herein provided, and in the event said election carries for further consent and authority to levy and collect the sales and use tax provided for therein. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

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 3<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2021, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

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MICHAEL R. LORINO, JR., COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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KATRINA BUCKLEY, COUNCIL CLERK

**EXHIBIT "A"**

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), on June 3, 2021, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the Parish on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2021**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

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Said special election will be held at each and every polling place in the Parish of St. Tammany, which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541.

The polling places at the precincts in the Parish are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$225,000.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Council Chambers of the Parish Government Complex, 21490 Koop Drive, Mandeville, Louisiana, on **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2021**, at **SIX O'CLOCK (6:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the Parish are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Mandeville, Louisiana, on this, the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:

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Council Chairman

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Council Clerk

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), the governing authority of the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of the proceedings taken by the Governing Authority on June 3, 2021, ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana, to authorize the levy of a sales and use tax therein; making application to the State Bond Commission and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature at Mandeville, Louisiana, on this, the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2021.

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Clerk