

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE CALENDAR NO: 5919

ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNCIL SPONSOR: STEFANCIK/BRISTER

PROVIDED BY: LEGAL DEPARTMENT

INTRODUCED BY: MR. TOLEDANO

SECONDED BY: MR. FITZGERALD

ON THE 7 DAY OF DECEMBER , 2017

ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE ST. TAMMANY PARISH GOVERNMENT, THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE PARISH PRESIDENT, TO PURCHASE OR OTHERWISE ACQUIRE BURIAL SPACE FOR INDIGENT CREMAINS.

WHEREAS, at its primary facility, the St. Tammany Parish Coroner's Office ("Coroner") is currently storing the unclaimed cremains of more than one-hundred and twenty five (125) deceased, indigent St. Tammany Parish citizens and residents, which number is anticipated to increase over time; and

WHEREAS, Leadership Northshore, Inc. ("LNI") is actively engaged with preparing emerging leaders for leadership positions in local government, business and community affairs in St. Tammany Parish; and

WHEREAS, as a project of the class of 2017, LNI has researched and identified a need to provide a proper burial site for present and future unclaimed cremains of deceased, indigent St. Tammany Parish citizens and residents, and further desires to fund the purchase of one (1) or more mausoleum(s) located in St. Tammany Parish; and

WHEREAS, Act No. 181 of the 2013 Legislature (effective 7 June 2013), enacted La. R.S. 13:5725 (the "Coroner's Act"), (1) mandates St. Tammany Parish Government to approve and ratify all contracts and purchase agreements of Coroner, including the power to reject or nullify contracts and expenditures by Coroner; and (2) prohibits Coroner from owning immovable property and obligates that title to any and all property of Coroner be held in the name of Parish; and

WHEREAS, as evidenced through the adoption of St. Tammany Parish Resolution Council Series No. C-4795 on May 4, 2017, St. Tammany Parish Government desires to purchase a suitable burial site for the aforementioned cremains (the "Property"), and further to acquire title and ownership of the same for the foregoing purposes, and/or for benefit of Coroner; and

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish Government hereby desires to acquire the Property and authorizes the Office of the Parish President to do whatever is necessary to enter into negotiations and acquire the same.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY ORDAINS: to authorize St. Tammany Parish Government to acquire by purchase, donation or otherwise, one (1) or more mausoleum(s) as referenced in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that pursuant to all applicable provisions of law, the Office of the Parish President is directed and authorized to do whatever is necessary to acquire said Property.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Office of the Parish President is authorized and instructed to proceed with the acquisition of the Property in a timely and orderly manner.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Office of the Parish President is authorized to exercise its discretion in acquiring the Property, together with all agreements and all transactions necessary to carry out the intent of this Ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any and all actions previously taken by the Office of the Parish President in furtherance of the actions contemplated herein are ratified and accepted accordingly.

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 4 DAY OF JANUARY , 2018 ; AND BECOMES ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO \_\_\_\_\_.

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S. MICHELE BLANCHARD, COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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THERESA L. FORD, COUNCIL CLERK

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PATRICIA P. BRISTER, PARISH PRESIDENT

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Returned to Council Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_, 2018 at \_\_\_\_\_

**Ordinance Administrative Comment**

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St. Tammany Parish Government seeks to acquire certain mausoleum(s) and/or burial sites on behalf of the St. Tammany Parish Coroner's Office and/or Leadership Northshore, Inc. for the purpose of providing a suitable burial site for unclaimed remains of indigent St. Tammany Parish citizens and residents. Representatives of Leadership Northshore, Inc. will provide all funding for said acquisition.

## EXHIBIT "A"

### Mausoleum Pricing in Eternal Rest Cemetery, Covington, LA (Approximate)

- Single Mausoleum 96" x 28" x 26"
  - Will hold approximately 350 sets of human remains: \$3495.00
  
- Abbey Mausoleum 96" x 28" x 52"
  - Will hold approximately 800 sets of human remains: \$5795.00