

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO: C-4890

COUNCIL SPONSOR: STEFANCIK

PROVIDED BY: _____

RESOLUTION ADVISING ST. TAMMANY PARISH BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS TO ABIDE BY POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES SET FORWARD BY THE ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL AND THE LOUISIANA LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR.

WHEREAS, Ordinance Council Series No. 16-3613 amended St. Tammany Parish Government's Code of Ordinances to require that all members of St. Tammany Parish Boards and Commissions appointed by the St. Tammany Parish Council and/or St. Tammany Parish President(hereafter "boards and commissions") are to review the "Manual for St. Tammany Parish Boards and Commissions" which details state law requirements and best practices for Parish created boards and commissions, and return an "Acknowledgement of Receipt" of the same; and

WHEREAS, while many board members and commissioners have returned the above described "Acknowledgment of Receipt" to the Parish Council there has not been full compliance with Ordinance Council Series No. 16-3613; and

WHEREAS, further, Act 774 of the 2014 Regular Legislative Session created additional criteria and procedures for audits conducted for certain governmental entities located within St. Tammany Parish, including many Parish created boards and commissions, and as part of those audits the Louisiana Legislative Auditor releases "findings" and "exceptions" detailing areas of improvement or findings of fraud, waste or abuse in said local governmental entities; and

WHEREAS, in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's 2017 report on Act 774 a number of Parish created boards and commissions were found to have repeat "exceptions", failing to correct noted areas of improvement for one year or more after those areas were first noted; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure that all boards are operating according to state law and best practices set out in the "Manual for St. Tammany Parish Boards and Commissions" and detailed by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor or an individual auditor performing a state mandated audit, the St. Tammany Parish Council will now review the following prior to considering a request for authorization to hold an election or to appear before the Louisiana State Bond Commission for any borrowing, debt, tax, or new or renewed millage by any board or commission appearing before the Parish Council:

(1) Whether or not all Parish appointed board members or commissioners have returned an "Acknowledgement of Receipt" of the "Manual for St. Tammany Parish Boards and Commissions" to the Parish Council office; and

(2) Whether or not the board or commission has had any repeat "findings" or "exceptions" by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor and/or an individual auditor performing a state mandated audit; and

(3) If a repeat "finding" or "exception" as described above was noted, whether or not the board or commission has provided a certification letter written by their CPA or auditor to the Parish Council certifying that the board or commission has complied with all recommendations of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor or individual auditor performing a state mandated audit relative to the above described "findings" or "exceptions".

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES that that the failure of all Parish appointments to Parish created boards and commissions coming to the Parish Council with a request for authorization to hold an election or to appear before the Louisiana State Bond Commission for any borrowing, debt, tax, or new or renewed millage to return an "Acknowledgment of Receipt" and/or to certify that any and all repeat "findings" and/or "exceptions" have been resolved may jeopardize the Parish Council approval of any borrowing, tax, debt, or new or renewed millages.

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 2 DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2017, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

STEVE STEFANCIK, COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

THERESA L. FORD, COUNCIL CLERK