

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINANCE

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COUNCIL SPONSOR: MR. GOULD

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ON THE 6 DAY OF OCTOBER, 2011

ORDINANCE TO AMEND PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE V, TOURIST AND CONVENTION COMMISSION, TO PROVIDE FOR CHANGES IN NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMISSION AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, the tourist and convention industry is important to the economic development and success of St. Tammany Parish; and

WHEREAS, members of the Tourist and Convention Commission play an important role in assuring that all segments of the tourism and convention industry in the parish are appropriately represented and benefitted; and

WHEREAS, it is vital to the Commission's success that commissioners are appointed after a parish-wide nominating committee review process that includes a broad spectrum of participating groups with interests in the tourism industry.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY ORDAINS: that it amends the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Article V, relative to the Tourist and Convention Commission as follows, to wit:

SEC. 2-061.00 Created, Purpose, Name

There is hereby created the St. Tammany Parish Tourist and Convention Commission, being formed for the purpose of promoting conventions and tourism in the Parish.

SEC. 2-062.00 Powers of Board of Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners of the Tourist and Convention Commission created in this Article shall have those powers as designated in Louisiana Revised Statutes 33:4574 through 33:4574.3.

SEC. 2-063-00 Membership

a) The St. Tammany Parish Tourist and Convention Commission shall be composed of seven (7) regular members who shall be known as Commissioners; and two (2) alternate members who shall serve when called upon to constitute a meeting quorum or other purpose necessary to commission function. The Commissioners shall serve without compensation and shall be registered voters of the Parish.

b) Six (6) regular commissioners shall be appointed by the Parish Council, one (1) regular commissioner shall be appointed by the Parish President.

c) To the extent reasonably possible, there shall be equal representation of both the east side and west side of the parish in the make-up of the Commission, based upon the individual domiciles of the commissioners.

d) One (1) commissioner shall be a member of the St. Tammany Hotel/Motel & Campground Association.

e) The two (2) alternate members shall be appointed by the Parish Council.

f) Each commissioner and alternate member appointed by the Parish Council shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years, pursuant to state law [R.S. 33:4574F(2)]. Terms shall be staggered in order to enhance and promote continuity of service by the commission.

The Commissioner appointed by the Parish President shall serve a one (1) year term and be domiciled in Ward 8 or Ward 9 during every other term of office and shall be domiciled in the remainder of the parish during the alternate years.

g) All commissioners appointed as outlined herein above may be selected from a list of names submitted to the St. Tammany Parish Council and President by the Tourist Commission Nominating Committee containing the nominees' resumes and verification of their interest in one or more aspects of the tourist industry. Alternate members shall be appointed directly by the Parish Council.

h) Commission membership shall not be term limited. However, any incumbent commissioner seeking a third or higher term on the Commission must participate in the Nominating Committee process prior to being considered for reappointment by the Parish Council.

SEC. 2-064.00 Tourist Commission Nominating Committee; Nomination and Appointment Procedures

A. There is hereby created a Tourist Commission Nominating Committee which shall serve as an advisory board to Parish Government for purposes of submitting nominations for appointment to the St. Tammany Tourist and Convention Commission. It is the desire and intent of Parish Government to involve as many different elements of the parish community interested in the tourism industry as possible in the selection process for commissioners.

B. The Committee shall consist of fifteen (15) members ~~thirteen (13)~~ comprised of the following:

1. a. There shall be eleven (11) members ~~nine (9)~~ appointed by the following organizations with each organization having one (1) appointment:

St. Tammany Hotel/Motel & Campground Association

Northshore Chapter of the Louisiana Restaurant Association

~~Greater Slidell Area Chamber of Commerce~~ St. Tammany-East Chamber of Commerce

St. Tammany-West Chamber of Commerce

St. Tammany Parish Art Association

St. Tammany Economic Development Foundation

Young Men's Business Club of Slidell

Slidell Heritage Foundation

Northlake Nature Center, Inc.

St. Tammany Commission on Cultural Affairs

Tammany Trace Foundation

b. The Parish Council may substitute member organizations at any time by Ordinance.

2. There shall be three (3) committee members nominated and appointed by the Parish Council. Nothing herein shall preclude council members from being nominated for appointment.

3. There shall be one (1) committee member nominated and appointed by the Parish President Nothing herein shall preclude the Parish President or his designee from assuming the appointment.

C. Neither a commissioner of the Tourist and Convention Commission nor any commission staff may serve as a member of the nominating committee. An alternate member to the Commission may also be a nominating committee member.

D. Whenever a vacancy occurs or a new appointment is required for a Parish Council appointment to ~~on~~ the Tourist and Convention Commission, the Parish Council ~~or President~~ shall request the Tourist Commission Nominating Committee to convene and compile a list of not less than two (2) nominations for submission for appointment to fill the vacancy. For purposes only of convening the committee, the representative of the St. Tammany Hotel/Motel & Campground Association or Louisiana Restaurant Association shall serve as the contact member. Each time the committee meets, it shall elect a chairman to conduct the meeting.

E. Any individual, group or association in St. Tammany Parish that has an interest in one or more aspects of the tourist industry may submit to the Nominating Committee the names of potential commissioners together with a resume and verification of the individual's interest in the tourist industry. Thereafter, the Committee shall screen the qualifications and may consider nominating the individual for appointment as a commissioner of the St. Tammany Parish Tourist and Convention Commission when a vacancy occurs.

SEC 2-065.00 Officers of the Tourist Commission

The commissioners so appointed shall elect from among themselves a chairman who shall serve as such for one (1) year. In addition to the chairman, the commission shall elect from its membership a vice-chairman, secretary and treasurer. The office of secretary and treasurer may be combined if the Commission so elects.

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.

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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 3 DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2011; AND BECOMES ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO _____.

MARTIN W. GOULD, JR., COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

THERESA L. FORD, COUNCIL CLERK

KEVIN DAVIS, PARISH PRESIDENT

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