

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE CALENDAR NO: 5875

ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO: _____

COUNCIL SPONSOR: MR. CANULETTE

PROVIDED BY: COUNCIL ATTORNEY

INTRODUCED BY: MR. CANULETTE

SECONDED BY: MR. BELLISARIO

ON THE 7 DAY OF SEPTEMBER , 2017

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 11 OF THE ST. TAMMANY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED HEALTH AND SANITATION TO CREATE SECTION 11-004.00 REQUIRING OPERATORS OF TOURS ON WATERWAYS OF ST. TAMMANY PARISH TO PROVIDE SANITARY FACILITIES TO CUSTOMERS

WHEREAS, because of St. Tammany Parish’s natural beauty and diverse ecosystem, commercial operations frequently provide tours to the public on the lakes, rivers, marshes and swamps of St. Tammany Parish, sometimes referred to as ”Swamp Tours”; and

WHEREAS, said ”Swamp Tours” are becoming increasingly popular for both locals and tourists alike, with many participants of said tours or customers of said operators travelling from Orleans Parish or further to St. Tammany Parish; and

WHEREAS, for the health and safety of both customers of tour operators and residents of the surrounding area it is necessary that any person or company providing ”Swamp Tours” in St. Tammany Parish shall provide sanitary facilities, including bathrooms and hand washing stations and where possible, diaper changing and handicap facilities, to all persons taking a ”Swamp Tour” in St. Tammany Parish. Said facilities shall be available both before and after water portions of said tours and within a reasonable distance from the point of embarkation and disembarkation, but are not required during the tour itself; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the above provisions shall constitute a misdemeanor enforceable by the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff’s Office and punishable in accordance with Section 11-003.01 of the St. Tammany Parish Code of Ordinances.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY ORDAINS: that any person or company providing ”Swamp Tours” in St. Tammany Parish shall provide sanitary facilities, including bathrooms and hand washing stations and where possible, diaper changing and handicap facilities, to all persons taking a ”Swamp Tour” in St. Tammany Parish. Said facilities shall be available both before and after water portions of said tours and within a reasonable distance from the point of embarkation and disembarkation, but are not required during the tour itself.

The Parish of St. Tammany further ordains that Chapter 11 of the St. Tammany Code of Ordinances entitled Health and Sanitation to create section 11-004.00 requiring operators of tours on waterways of St. Tammany Parish to provide sanitary facilities to customers within a reasonable distance from the point of embarkation and disembarkation of said tours.

The Parish of St. Tammany further ordains that failure to comply with the above provisions shall constitute a misdemeanor enforceable by the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff’s Office and punishable in accordance with Section 11-003.01 of the St. Tammany Parish Code of Ordinances.

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 OCTOBER , 2017 ; AND BECOMES ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO _____.

STEVE STEFANCIK, COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

THERESA L. FORD, COUNCIL CLERK

PATRICIA P. BRISTER, PARISH PRESIDENT

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