

The following resolution was offered by Sandra Slifer, and seconded by Jeff King:

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION ORDERING AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD BY THE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 8 OF THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY, STATE OF LOUISIANA (THE "DISTRICT") TO AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL OF THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF AD VALOREM TAXES WITHIN THE DISTRICT; REQUESTING APPROVAL OF THE ELECTION FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL OF THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY; MAKING APPLICATION TO THE LOUISIANA STATE BOND COMMISSION; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners, acting as the governing authority (the "**Governing Authority**"), of the Fire Protection District No. 8 of the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana (the "**District**"), previously submitted to the qualified voters of the District certain ad valorem tax propositions which were approved by the voters and are currently being levied and collected in the District (the "**Taxes**"); and

WHEREAS, this Governing Authority desires to call an election (the "**Election**") authorizing the renewal of the Taxes and to take all necessary actions ancillary thereto; and

WHEREAS, this Governing Authority additionally desires that the Parish Council (the "**Parish Council**") of the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana (the "**Parish**"), acting as the governing authority for the Parish, give its approval for the District to call the Election, and in the event the Election carries to levy and collect the Taxes.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this Governing Authority of the District, that:

SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the Louisiana State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by Article VI, Section 32 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, the applicable provisions of Chapter 5, Chapter 6-A and Chapter 6-B of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended and other constitutional and statutory

Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended and other constitutional and statutory authority, an Election is hereby called and ordered to be held by the District on **Saturday, May 3, 2025** 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 said Election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at said Election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

PROPOSITION NO.1
(RENEWAL)

Shall Fire Protection District No. 8 of the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana (the "District") continue to levy a special tax of nine and seventy-five hundredths (9.75) mills on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$455,558.58 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2029 and ending with the year 2038, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and operating fire protection and emergency medical service facilities, vehicles and equipment, including movable and immovable property, to be used by the District directly or indirectly to provide fire protection and emergency medical services in and for the District?

PROPOSITION NO.2
(RENEWAL)

Shall Fire Protection District No. 8 of the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana (the "District") continue to levy a special tax of nine and eighty hundredths (9.80) mills (the "Tax") on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$457,894.78 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2029 and ending with the year 2038, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and operating fire protection and emergency medical service facilities, vehicles and equipment, including movable and immovable property, to be used by the District directly or indirectly to provide fire protection and emergency medical services in and for the District?

PROPOSITION NO.3
(RENEWAL)

Shall Fire Protection District No. 8 of the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana (the "District") continue to levy a special tax of fourteen and sixty-three hundredths (14.63) mills (the "Tax") on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$683,571.49 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year

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SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election. A newspaper of general circulation and being the official journal of the District, once a week for four (4) 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 fixed for 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 with such changes as may be necessary to be made at the discretion of the Secretary or Chairman of this Governing Authority, or such other person or persons exercising the powers of those offices as the case may be (collectively, the "**Executive Officers**").

SECTION 3. Canvass. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, 22455 Highway 36, Abita Springs, Louisiana, on June 18, 2025, at Five-Thirty O'clock (5:30) p.m., and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of the said Election. This Governing Authority reserves the right to postpone the date and time set forth above for the canvass of the returns (without any further publication of notice of the change in the date, time and/or location).

SECTION 4. Polling Places. The polling places set forth in the aforesaid Notice of Special Election 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 Election as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said Election for the meeting of this Governing Authority to be held on June 18, 2025, as provided in Section 3 hereof. All

registered voters in the District are entitled to vote at said Election and voting machines shall be used.

SECTION 6. Authorization of Executive Officers. The Executive Officers (either of them acting alone) of this 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 Executive Officers (either of them acting alone) of this 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 and, if applicable, appropriate submission to the Federal Department of Justice under Section 5 of the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

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 in and for the Parish, and the Registrar of Voters in and for said District, as notification of the Election herein called in order that each may prepare for said Election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 8. Additional Notice Requirement. This Governing Authority made the announcement with respect to the adoption of this resolution required by La. R.S. 42:19.1, at its public meeting on December 18, 2024 and published said announcement in the Official Journal on December 18, 2024.

SECTION 9. Employment of Counsel. It is recognized, found, and determined that a real necessity exists for the employment of special legal counsel in connection with the Election and accordingly, Boles Shafto, LLC, Monroe, Louisiana ("**Special Counsel**"), is hereby employed and requested to do and perform comprehensive legal and coordinate professional work with respect to the Election. Said Special Counsel shall prepare and submit to this Governing Authority for adoption all the proceedings incidental to the authorization of the Election. The fee of Special Counsel in connection with the Election is hereby fixed at a sum not to exceed the maximum hourly fee allowed by the Attorney General's fee guidelines for comprehensive legal and coordinate professional services in an amount not to exceed \$0, plus "out-of-pocket" expenses. The term of this

engagement shall have an effective date beginning on December 18, 2024 and extending no later than December 17, 2025. The scope of this legal representation does not involve federal claims. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be submitted to the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana for written approval of said employment and of the fee herein designated.

SECTION 10. Parish Council Consent and Authority. The District does hereby respectfully request that the Parish Council, acting as the governing authority for the Parish, give its consent and approval for the District to call the Election, and in the event that the Election carries that the District be authorized to levy and collect the Taxes as provided for therein.

SECTION 11. Application to State Bond Commission. Application is made to the Louisiana State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the Election as herein provided, and in the event that election carries for further consent and authority to dedicate the proceeds of the Taxes, and a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Louisiana State Bond Commission on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

SECTION 12. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption hereof.

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This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: 3

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINING: 0

ABSENT: 0

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 15th day of January, 2025.

**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 8 OF THE
PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY,
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

By: _____


Michael Anderson, Board Chair

By: _____



Sue Ellen Stewart, Board Secretary

EXHIBIT "A"

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners, acting as the governing authority (the "**Governing Authority**"), of the Fire Protection District No. 8 of the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana (the "**District**") on January 15, 2025, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that an election will be held within the corporate limits of the District on **Saturday, May 3, 2025** (the "**Election**") and that at the Election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the District qualified and entitled to vote at the Election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana (the "**State**") and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition to-wit:

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| <u>PRECINCT</u> | <u>POLL PLACE NAME/LOCATION</u> |
|-------------------|--|
| 00/303 – in part | Lyon Elementary School – 1615 N. Florida St., Covington |
| 00/304 – in part | Hwy 36 Fire Station – 19375 Hwy 36, Covington |
| 00/305 – in part | St. Tammany Educational Ctr – 71460 Edna St., Covington |
| 00/502 – in part | Bush Community Ctr – 81605 Hwy 41, Bush |
| 00/504 – in part | R C Milling Fire Station – 75174 Hwy 1083, Covington |
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| 00/A01 – in part | Abita Springs Middle School – 72079 Maple St., Abita Springs |
| 00/A02 – in part | Abita Springs Elem School – 22410 Level St., Abita Springs |
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| 00/A03 – in part | Abita Springs Elem School – 22410 Level St., Abita Springs |
| 00/A04 – in part | Abita Springs Middle School – 72079 Maple St., Abita Springs |

The polling places set forth above are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the Election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those designated according to law.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the taxes described in the Propositions shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The Election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5, Chapter 6-A and Chapter 6-B 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 Election, as provided in this Notice of Election, or such substitute 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, 22455 Highway 36, Abita Springs, Louisiana, on June 18, 2025, at Five-Thirty O'clock (5:30) p.m., and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of the Election. This Governing Authority reserves the right to postpone the date and time set forth above for the canvass of the returns (without any further publication of notice of the change in the date, time and/or location). All registered voters of the District are entitled to vote at the Election and voting machines will be used thereat.

The estimated cost of the election as determined by the Louisiana Secretary of State is \$38,400.

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THUS DONE AND SIGNED, on this, the 15th day of January, 2025.

**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 8 OF THE
PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY,
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

By: _____


Michael Anderson, Board Chair

By: _____


Sue Ellen Stewart, Board Secretary

PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY

STATE OF LOUISIANA

I, the undersigned Board Secretary of the Board of Directors of Fire Protection District No. 8 of the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana (the "**District**"), do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of:

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IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature on this, the 15th day of January, 2025.

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PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY,
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

By: 

Sue Ellen Stewart, Board Secretary