



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, as the voice of business, the St. Tammany West Chamber represents 1,100 businesses and their nearly 30,000 employees; and

WHEREAS, this resolution of the St. Tammany West Chamber of Commerce specifically and fully supports the St. Tammany Economic Development Foundation's Board of Directors request that the St. Tammany Parish Administration, the Parish Council, and the Parish Planning Department consider an emergency ordinance to allow the Board of Zoning Adjustments (BZA) the legal authority to approve up to a 15% exception on any zoning category applied and to consider increasing the allowable single building area in HC-2 from 40,000 square feet to 50,000 square feet; and

WHEREAS, this request specifically contemplates a full, complete and open hearing for all sides to present their positions at all Parish Hearings; and

WHEREAS, as the attached, July 12, 2011 letter of St. Tammany Economic Development Foundation Executive Director Brenda Reine Bertus sets forth the position of the St. Tammany West Chamber; and

WHEREAS, it appears this Building Size Zone Exception is particularly relevant in addressing HC-2 as there is a large increase between the current HC-2 and HC-3 which is for "Big Box" or other large building/uses; and

WHEREAS, Rouses Food Stores has invested heavily in St. Tammany Parish and has indicated its intention to continue its investment in our Parish with the building of new and zoned 21st century food stores that are able to economically compete with other expanded food stores in our growing Parish all while adding to our Parish tax base; and

WHEREAS, the St. Tammany West Chamber of Commerce services the business interests of all of St. Tammany, including the cities of Mandeville, Covington and towns of Madisonville, Abita Springs and Folsom, all of whose populations are expected to grow rapidly and almost doubling within the next decade and through 2030; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the St. Tammany West Chamber of Commerce, respectfully adopts the position of the St. Tammany Economic Development Foundation on the need for the Parish Administration, the Parish Council, and the Parish Planning Department to consider an ordinance to allow the Board of Zoning Adjustments the legal authority to approve up to a 15% building size exception when justified and an increase of the allowable single building area in HC-2 from 40,000 square feet to 50,000 square feet.

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Lisa Blossman
2011 Board of Directors Chairman

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Lacey Toledano
President & CEO

Adopted October 4, 2011

With 1100 member businesses, representing nearly 30,000 employees