



ST. CHARLES PARISH

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COUNCILMAN, DISTRICT IV

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MEMORANDUM

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DATE: MAY 16, 2008
TO: PARISH COUNCIL
FROM: PAUL J. HOGAN, PE
COUNCILMAN, DISTRICT IV

Back in 1999, the Parish Council introduced and enacted an Ordinance regarding metal detectors for the Council Chambers. This Ordinance was rescinded in 2000 on the recommendation of the Contract/Finance and Administrative Committee. I personally feel that this Ordinance should have remained in effect and acted upon. Since we already have a full-time deputy at all Council Meetings, this would not present a burden. As a safety measure for us, the staff, and all participants at the meeting, I think this should be implemented. I am waiting on final approval from Sheriff Greg Champagne, which would allow us to move the present metal detector up approximately three feet in front of the Council Chambers door.

If you would like to co-sponsor, please advise Mrs. Barbara Jacob-Tucker.

Thank you.

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**INTRODUCED BY: PAUL J. HOGAN, PE, COUNCILMAN, DISTRICT IV
ORDINANCE NO. _____**

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An ordinance of the Parish of St. Charles providing that the Code of Ordinances, Parish of St. Charles, be amended by revising Chapter 2 Administration to provide mandatory security clearance through metal detectors for all persons prior to entering the Parish Council Chambers.

WHEREAS, St. Charles Parish prides themselves on keeping the public informed by providing as much information as possible; and,

WHEREAS, although local governments all over America are suffering from an epidemic of incivility, the St. Charles Parish Council has taken positive steps to maintain civility at its meetings; and,

WHEREAS, a Sheriff's Deputy monitors the activities of the Parish Council Meetings and provides assistance to the Council Chairman when necessary to quiet disturbances; and,

WHEREAS, tensions may rise when issues are emotional and actions by citizens or members of the audience become unpredictable; and,

WHEREAS, the Members of the St. Charles Parish Council feel it is imperative to take precautionary steps to protect the lives of all persons in attendance at the Parish Council Meetings by implementing requirements and safeguards.

THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION I. It shall be mandatory for every person or official to receive clearance by a St. Charles Parish Deputy by walking through the metal detector prior to entering the Parish Council Chambers.

SECTION II. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate the provisions of this Section.

SECTION III. The Code of Ordinances is hereby revised under Chapter 2 Administration by providing mandatory security clearance through metal detectors for all persons prior to entering the Parish Council Chambers.

The foregoing ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

And the ordinance was declared adopted this ____ day of _____, 2008, to become effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

Mandatory Clearance Metal Detectors

CHAIRMAN: _____

SECRETARY: _____

DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: _____

APPROVED: _____ DISAPPROVED: _____

PARISH PRESIDENT: _____

RETD/SECRETARY: _____

AT: _____ RECD BY: _____