

1 Introduced February 27, 2024, by Councilman
2 Brownfield

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4 **RESOLUTION R24-08**

5 A resolution urging Coroner-elect Dr. Christopher Tape to resign and not
6 assume the elected office of St. Tammany Parish Coroner.

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8 WHEREAS the St. Tammany Parish Coroner provides certain essential
9 services relating to victims of crime and their families, has access to personal and
10 confidential information concerning same, and requires the utmost trust and confidence of
11 the citizens of St. Tammany Parish; and
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14 WHEREAS the St. Tammany Parish Coroner must be vigilant to maintain a
15 high degree of fidelity to the law, as well as credibility and integrity, with adherence to the
16 highest of professional and ethical standards; and
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19 WHEREAS the St. Tammany Parish Coroner must not only maintain high
20 standards, but should also avoid all appearances of impropriety which might undermine
21 the public trust, confidence, and support in/for the St. Tammany Parish Coroner's Office;
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26 WHEREAS the Slidell City Council does not have jurisdiction to regulate or
27 provide oversight of the St. Tammany Parish Coroner or his office, but is, nevertheless,
28 deeply concerned about recent news reports of allegations against and involving the
29 Coroner-elect, Dr. Christopher Tape; and
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32 WHEREAS in order to ensure continued public trust, confidence, and support
33 for the St. Tammany Parish Coroner's Office and to protect the citizens of Slidell and the
34 larger St. Tammany Parish community served by that office, the Slidell City Council
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4 respectfully urges Dr. Tape to not assume the elected office of St. Tammany Parish
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6 Coroner and to otherwise resign and not accept the position.

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8 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Slidell City Council, in legal
9 session convened, that it urges Coroner-elect Dr. Christopher Tape to not assume the
10 elected office of St. Tammany Parish Coroner and to otherwise resign and not accept the
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12 position.

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15 **ADOPTED** this 27th day of February, 2024.

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18 Kenny Tamborella
19 President of the Council
20 Councilman, District E

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22 Thomas P. Reeves
23 Council Administrator
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