



PETITION TO DESIGNATE NORTH SHORE BEACH AS A SCENIC NEIGHBORHOOD

To: St. Tammany Parish Council

From: The Property Owners of North Shore Beach

Date: [Insert Date]

Subject: Request for Scenic Neighborhood Designation

We, the undersigned property owners of North Shore Beach, respectfully petition the St. Tammany Parish Council to designate our neighborhood as a **Scenic Neighborhood** under **ARTICLE XVI - SCENIC NEIGHBORHOODS** of the St. Tammany Parish Code of Ordinances.

North Shore Beach possesses **distinctive natural, historical, architectural, and cultural features** that contribute to the scenic beauty and character of St. Tammany Parish. Our neighborhood meets the designation criteria outlined in **Sec. 30-420**, including:

Unique Natural Features

- **Lakefront Views:** The **expansive waterfront along Lake Pontchartrain** provides breathtaking views, recreational opportunities, and a serene environment.
- **Wetlands & Marshlands:** The neighborhood is surrounded by **vibrant saltwater marsh**, which serve as a crucial habitat for diverse wildlife, including migratory birds, fish, and native vegetation.
- **Beachfront Access:** The **sandy shoreline** of our public beach enhances the neighborhood's appeal, offering a picturesque setting for residents and visitors. The beach has a small wetlands area as well.

Historical & Cultural Significance

- **Local Heritage:** North Shore Beach has long been a cherished part of the community, reflecting the **coastal lifestyle** and traditions of St. Tammany Parish.
- **World Class Fishing:** North Shore Beach is known for the abundance of trout and redfish, blue crabs, alligators, bass, and seasonal runs of shrimp.
- **Environmental Conservation Efforts:** The neighborhood has been involved in supporting the St. Tammany Levee, Drainage and Conservation District in **preserving our shoreline and adjacent wetlands**, reinforcing its commitment to maintaining its scenic beauty.



- **Community Engagement:** Residents actively participate in **neighborhood initiatives** to protect and enhance the area's natural and cultural assets and invite the greater community to participate in the Annual Trestle Slam fishing tournament.
- **The North Shore Beach Firehouse Community Center** is a very popular for lakeside weddings, celebrations of life, bridal showers, company picnics, graduation parties, crawfish boils, and North Shore Beach Homeowner Association Events.

Scenic Characteristics

- **Street Landscaping & Waterfront Enhancements:** Oak trees and oleanders line Carr Drive and offers views of the Lake Pontchartrain or the Big Branch Wildlife reserve.
- **Quiet canals between the houses** contribute to the neighborhood's aesthetic charm, with high decks providing peaceful overlook of the water.
- **Wildlife Observation Areas:** The wetlands and lakefront provide **ideal spots** for birdwatching, photography, and enjoying native flora and fauna.

In accordance with **Sec. 30-421**, this petition is signed by at least **51 percent of the 291 homeowners** within North Shore Beach, demonstrating strong community support for this designation.

We believe that recognizing North Shore Beach as a **Scenic Neighborhood** will:

- Strengthen civic pride among residents.
- Encourage the preservation of our neighborhood's scenic and cultural assets.
- Inspire future growth that aligns with the character of our community.
- Increase Property Values

We respectfully request that the St. Tammany Parish Council consider this petition and approve the designation of North Shore Beach as a **Scenic Neighborhood**.

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