Introduced December 19, 2023, by Councilman Tamborella, seconded by Councilwoman Haggerty, by request of Chief Fandal

#### **RESOLUTION R23-36**

A resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, April 27, 2024 for the purpose of authorizing the levy and collection of a 0.38% sales and use tax with the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana; making application to the State Bond Commission; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, the Slidell City Council (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana (the "City"), desires to order and call a special election to be held in the City on SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024, to authorize the levy and collection of a 0.38% sales and use tax in perpetuity, commencing January 1, 2025, upon the sale at retail, the use, lease, rental, consumption and storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and on sales of services in the City, in lieu of the existing ad valorem taxes approved by the voters on April 4, 1981 and October 19, 2013 and currently being levied to support the Slidell City Police Department, with the proceeds dedicated solely for the purpose of equipping, maintaining and operating the Slidell City Police Department, including but not limited to capital improvements, equipment acquisition, salaries and benefits, and any other lawful purpose of such department (the "Tax"); and

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

SECTION 1. <u>Election Call</u>. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission and under the authority conferred by Article VI, Section 29 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, as amended (the "*Constitution*"), La. R.S. 47:338.1 and the applicable provisions of Chapters 5 and 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (the "*Election Code*"), and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special

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election (the "Election") is hereby called and ordered to be held in the City on SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. in compliance with the provisions of Section 541 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 18:541), and that at the Election there shall be submitted to all registered voters residing in the City qualified and entitled to vote at the Election under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States of America, the following proposition, to wit:

#### **PROPOSITION**

Shall the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana (the "City"), in lieu of the existing ad valorem taxes approved by the voters on April 4, 1981 and October 19, 2013 and currently being levied to support the Slidell City Police Department, be authorized to levy and collect a tax of .38% (an estimated \$4,560,000 reasonably expected to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year) upon the sale at retail, the use, lease, rental, consumption and storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and on sales of services in the City, with the proceeds to be dedicated solely for the purpose of equipping, maintaining and operating the Slidell City Police Department, including but not limited to capital improvements, equipment acquisition, salaries and benefits, and any other lawful purpose of such department, commencing on January 1, 2025 and being levied in perpetuity?

SECTION 2. <u>Proceeds of the Tax</u>. Conditioned on the passage of the Tax at the Election authorized pursuant to this Resolution, all avails or proceeds of the Tax (after paying the reasonable and necessary expenses of collecting and administering the Tax) collected in the City shall be used entirely and to be dedicated and used exclusively for the purposes set forth in the proposition.

SECTION 3. <u>Publication of Notice of Special Election</u>. Pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1285, a Notice of Special Election concerning the Election will be published in the *St. Tammany* 

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Farmer, a newspaper of general circulation within the City, and is the official journal of the City, 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 accordance with the Notice of Special Election annexed hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference, to the same extent as if it were set forth in full.

SECTION 4. <u>Canvass of Election Returns</u>. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 2045 Second Street, Slidell, Louisiana, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the Election.

SECTION 5. <u>Polling Places; Commissioners</u>. The polling places set forth in the aforesaid Notice of Special Election and situated within the corporate limits of the City be and the same are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said Election in accordance with Section 1286(A) or Section 1286.1, as the case may be, of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be those persons designated according to law in accordance with Section 1286(A) or Section 1286.1, as the case may be, of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended.

SECTION 6. <u>Designation of Commissioners and Commissioners-in-Charge</u>. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, pursuant to Section 5 hereof and in accordance with Section 1286(A) or Section 1286.1, as

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the case may be, of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, or such substitutes therefore as may be selected and designated in compliance with Section 1287 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, shall hold the said Election as herein provided, shall make due returns of said Election for the meeting of the Slidell City Council, as governing authority of the City, to be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, and that the compensation of said officers be and the same is hereby fixed at the sum prescribed by law. All registered voters in each precinct and residing in the City are entitled to vote at the said Election.

SECTION 7. <u>Authorization of the Council Administrator</u>. The Council Administrator of the 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, all equipment, forms and other items which may be required by State and/or federal law in order to hold said Election.

SECTION 8. Furnishing Election Call. In accordance with La. R.S. 18:1285(B)(1), certified copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Custodian of Voting Machines in and for the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana, and the Registrar of Voters in and for said Parish, 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 9. <u>Estimated Collections</u>. Pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1284(C), an estimated \$4,560,000 is reasonably anticipated at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year.

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SECTION 10. Application to State Bond Commission. Application be and the same is hereby formally authorized to be made to the State Bond Commission (the "Commission") for consent and authority to hold the aforesaid Election as herein provided and that a certified copy of this Resolution will be forwarded to the Commission on behalf of the Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of said application.

SECTION 11. Additional Notice Requirement. This Governing Authority made the announcement with respect to this Resolution required by La. R.S. 42:19.1, at its public meeting on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 and published said announcement in the official journal on Wednesday, November 29, 2023. Such announcement was also transmitted via email to State Senators and Representatives on Wednesday, November 29, 2023.

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

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT: 0

ADOPTED this 19th day of December, 2023.

Kenny Tamborella
President of the Council
Councilman, District E

Thomas P. Reeves Council Administrator

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#### **EXHIBIT A**

#### NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Slidell City Council (the "Governing Authority", acting as the governing authority of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana (the "City"), on December 19, 2023, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the City on Saturday, April 27, 2024, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the City, qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States of America, the following proposition, to-wit:

#### **PROPOSITION**

Shall the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana (the "City"), in lieu of the existing ad valorem taxes approved by the voters on April 4, 1981 and October 19, 2013 and currently being levied to support the Slidell City Police Department, be authorized to levy and collect a tax of .38% (an estimated \$4,560,000 reasonably expected to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year) upon the sale at retail, the use, lease, rental, consumption and storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and on sales of services in the City, with the proceeds to be dedicated solely for the purpose of equipping, maintaining and operating the Slidell City Police Department, including but not limited to capital improvements, equipment acquisition, salaries and benefits, and any other lawful purpose of such department, commencing on January 1, 2025 and being levied in perpetuity?

The said special election will be held at the following polling places situated within the corporate limits of the City, which polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m., in compliance with the provisions of Section 541 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S.18:541), to wit:

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WARD/PRECINCT	PRECINCT LOCATION
00/802 (IN PART)	Clearwood Junior High School, 130 Clearwood Drive, Slidell
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00/805 (IN PART)	Little Oak Middle School, 59241 Rebel Drive, Slidell
00/806 (IN PART)	Boyet Junior High School, 59295 Rebel Drive, Slidell
00/811 (IN PART)	Boyet Junior High School, 59295 Rebel Drive, Slidell
00/813 (IN PART)	Northshore High School, 100 Panther Drive, Slidell
00/816 (IN PART)	Little Oak Middle School, 59241 Rebel Drive, Slidell
00/901 (IN PART)	True Life Church, 62160 Airport Road, Slidell
00/902 (IN PART)	Alton Elementary School, 38276 N 5th Street, Slidell
00/904 (IN PART)	Carolyn Park Middle School, 35708 Liberty Drive, Slidell
00/907 (IN PART)	Carolyn Park Middle School, 35708 Liberty Drive, Slidell
00/909A (IN PART )	Salmen High School, 300 Spartan Drive, Slidell
00/915 (IN PART)	True Life Church, 62160 Airport Road, Slidell
00/916 (IN PART)	Carolyn Park Middle School, 35708 Liberty Drive, Slidell
00/922 (IN PART)	Salmen High School, 300 Spartan Drive, Slidell
00/S01 (IN PART)	John Slidell Park Gymnasium, 105 Robert Blvd., Slidell
00/S02 (IN PART)	Slidell High School, 1 Tiger Drive, Slidell
00/S03 (IN PART)	Slidell High School, 1 Tiger Drive, Slidell
00/S04 (IN PART)	Bonne Ecole Elementary School, 900 Rue Verand, Slidell
00/S05 (IN PART)	John Slidell Park Gymnasium, 105 Robert Blvd., Slidell
00/S06 (IN PART)	Carolyn Park Middle School, 35708 Liberty Drive, Slidell
00/S07 (IN PART)	Bayou Woods Elementary, 35614 Liberty Drive, Slidell
00/S08 (IN PART)	Bonne Ecole Elementary School, 900 Rue Verand, Slidell
00/S09	Bonne Ecole Elementary School, 900 Rue Verand, Slidell
00/S10 (IN PART)	Slidell Junior High School, 333 Pennsylvania Avenue, Slidell
00/S11 (IN PART)	Slidell Junior High School, 333 Pennsylvania Avenue, Slidell
00/S13 (IN PART)	St. Tammany Junior High School, 701 Cleveland Avenue, Slidell
00/S15 (IN PART)	Salmen High School, 300 Spartan Drive, Slidell
00/S16 (IN PART)	Abney Elementary School, 825 Kostmayer Street, Slidell
00/S17	Salmen High School, 300 Spartan Drive, Slidell
00/S18 (IN PART)	Abney Elementary School, 825 Kostmayer Street, Slidell
00/S19 (IN PART)	Slidell High School, 1 Tiger Drive, Slidell
00/S21 (IN PART)	Northshore High School, 100 Panther Drive, Slidell
00/S22 (IN PART)	Abney Elementary School, 825 Kostmayer Street, Slidell
00/S23 (IN PART)	Slidell Junior High School, 333 Pennsylvania Avenue, Slidell
00/S24 (IN PART)	St. Tammany Junior High School, 701 Cleveland Avenue, Slidell

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The polling places set forth above and situated within the corporate limits of the City, be and the same are hereby designated as the polling places in which to hold the said special election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law pursuant to Section 1286(A) or Section 1286.1, as the case may be, of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended.

In accordance with La. R.S. 18:1285(A)(1)(a)(v), the estimated cost of holding the election will be \$63,700.00.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapters 5, 6 and 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefore as may be selected and designated in accordance with Section 1287 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 18:1287), will make due returns thereof to the Board of Aldermen, as governing authority of the City, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that said Slidell City Council, acting as governing authority of the City, will meet at its regular meeting place, on TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 2045 Second Street, Slidell, and will then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the special election. All registered voters in the City are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used in connection therewith.

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THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Slidell, Louisiana, on this 19th day of December, 2023.

Kenny Tamborella President of the Council Councilman, District E

ATTEST:

Thomas P. Reeves Council Administrator

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STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY

I, the undersigned Council Administrator of the Slidell City Council (the "Governing Authority"), the governing authority of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana (the "City"), do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of the proceedings taken by the Governing Authority on December 19, 2023, ordering and calling a special election to be held in the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, April 27, 2024 for the purpose of authorizing the levy and collection of a 0.38% sales and use tax with the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana; making application to the State Bond Commission; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature and the impress of the official seal of the City at Slidell, Louisiana, on this, the 19th day of December, 2023.

Thomas P. Reeves Council Administrator

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