Introduced January 22, 2002, by Councilman Washington, seconded by Councilman Kingston (both by request of Administration)

## Item No. 02-01-2271

## ORDINANCE NO. 3053

An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, Chapter 23 Solid Waste, by adding a new section to provide for the clean up of Christmas tree lots and related subjects.

WHEREAS, the City of Slidell issues permits to individuals and businesses to sell Christmas trees within the City limits; and

WHEREAS, some of those individuals and businesses fail to remove unsold trees at the end of the tree sale season; and

WHEREAS, the unsold trees are unsightly and can be used by insects and rodents for hiding and breeding.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council that it does hereby amend its Code of Ordinances, Chapter 23 Solid Waste, by adding a new Section 23-27 as follows:

## "Sec. 23-27. Christmas Tree Lots.

- (a) Every person who engages in the sale of non-artificial Christmas trees shall remove all trees from the premises upon which they are offered for sale which are remaining on such premises on December 27 of the year they are offered for sale.
- (b) The tree removal required in Subsection A shall be accomplished no later than seven days from the said December 27 date.

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- (c) In addition to the persons engaged in the sale of non-artificial Christmas trees, the owner of the property upon which such trees are offered for sale shall be subject to the provisions of this Section.
- (d) Failure of any person who is subject to this Section to comply with the provisions hereof shall result in the denial of a permit to engage in the sale of Christmas trees the following year in addition to all other applicable penalties.
- (e) All persons who apply for a permit to engage in the sale of Christmas trees shall deposit with the City the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) in the form of cash or cashier's check made payable to the City of Slidell. In the event remaining trees are not removed as required by this Section, the deposit shall be automatically forfeited. The deposit shall be returned to the person to whom the permit was issued within 24 hours of verification by the City of compliance with this Section."

ADOPTED this 26th day of February, 2002.

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President of the Council

Councilman, District A

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