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November 12. 2002, by Introduced Councilwoman Williams. seconded bγ Council Members Binder. Burkhalter. Harbison. Cusimano, Cromer. Canada, Kingston, Livaudais

Item No. 02-11-2318

ORDINANCE NO. 3097

An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell by adding a new Section 21-25. Benefits For Employees On Active Military Duty Status, establishing a policy whereby the City of Slidell will pay up to an additional three (3) months pay for employees called to active duty under U. S. military operations and related matters.

WHEREAS, employees of the City may be called to active duty under United States military operations; and

WHEREAS, there may be a gap in time between issuance of the last City paycheck and the issuance of the first military paycheck to such employees; and

WHEREAS, the City desires that such employees do not suffer any gaps in compensation resulting from active duty status; and

WHEREAS, the City further desires to provide for continuation of various other City benefits.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council that it does hereby amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell by adding a new section as follows:

"21-25. Benefits For Employees On Active Military Duty Status.

(a) The regular compensation paid to City employees who are called to active military duty shall continue for a period of three (3) months from the time active military status begins;

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- (b) In the event such employee's City pay is greater than the employee's military pay, the City shall pay the difference thereof for the duration of active duty status. The Department of Finance shall promulgate rules and regulations to provide for such payment;
- (c) During active military status the employee shall be responsible for payment of health, dental and other insurance coverages to the same extent as prior to such active status;
- (d) During active military status the City shall be responsible for payment to the appropriate retirement system, life, health and long term disability coverages to the same extent as prior to such active status.
- (e) City employees who are subject to this ordinance shall continue to accrue annual and sick leave at the same rates as prior to active duty status.
- (f) This ordinance shall become effective November 12, 2002."

ADOPTED this 10th day of December, 2002.

DELIVERED 3:40 p.m.

12/11/02 to the Mayor

RECEIVED 3:50 Pim.

12/12/02 from the Mayor

Pearl Williams

President of the Council Councilwoman-at-Large

Ben O. Morris

Mayor

Shawn B. McManus Clerk of the Council