

1 Introduced July 13, 2004, by Councilwoman
2 Burkhalter, seconded by Councilwoman
3 Livaudais (both by request of Administration)

4 **Item No. 04-07-2426**

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6 **ORDINANCE NO. 3201**

7 An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to sell properties adjudicated to the City
8 for nonpayment of taxes and providing for related matters.

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10 WHEREAS, in 2003 the Louisiana Legislature enacted Revised Statutes
11 33:4720.41 through 33:4720.49 which authorized municipalities to sell an adjudicated
12 vacant lot, by private sale, to an adjoining landowner who has maintained the lot for a
13 minimum of one year; and

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16 WHEREAS, the City of Slidell has many vacant lots which have been
17 adjudicated to the City for nonpayment of taxes; and

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20 WHEREAS, returning such lots to the stream of economic commerce will
21 reestablish the lots on the tax rolls thereby increasing the revenue to the City; and

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23 WHEREAS, Revised Statute 33:4720.45(B) requires the Council to enact an
24 ordinance authorizing private sales of adjudicated vacant lots; and

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26 WHEREAS, the ordinance is required to establish a fair and equitable policy
27 which shall have uniform application for determining the sales price.

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29 NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council that:

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31 (1) The Mayor is hereby authorized to sell vacant lots which have been
32 adjudicated to the City for nonpayment of taxes to adjoining landowners pursuant to
33 Louisiana Revised Statute 33:4720.41 through 33:4720.49 and as such statutes may from
34 time to time be amended according to the requirements set forth herein;
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4 (2) The sales price of each lot shall be determined by an appraisal performed by
5 a licensed appraiser who has been approved by the City and the amount of the appraisal
6 shall be the sales price;
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9 3) The prospective purchaser shall be responsible for the cost of the appraisal
10 and all other costs related to the sale, including but not limited to the cost of notification
11 and/or advertisement, recordation and records research.
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15 **ADOPTED** this 10th day of August, 2004.
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18 Elsie Burkhalter
19 President of the Council
20 Councilwoman, District A
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23 Ben O. Morris
24 Mayor
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27 Shawn B. McManus
28 Clerk of the Council
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DELIVERED	9:46 a.m.
8/13/04	to the Mayor
RECEIVED	3:00 p.m.
8/17/04	from the Mayor