

1 Introduced September 2, 2005, by Councilman
2 Cromer, seconded by Councilwoman Williams
3 (both at the request of Administration)

4 **Item No. 05-09-2540**

5 **EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 3298**

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7 WHEREAS, Governor Blanco of the State of Louisiana has declared a Public
8 Emergency in the entire State due to the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina on
9 August 29, 2005; and

10 WHEREAS, President Bush has also declared a federal emergency in the
11 State of Louisiana due to the unprecedented devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina; and

12 WHEREAS, local officials, including St. Tammany Parish President Davis
13 requested and concurred with this declaration of emergency; and

14 WHEREAS, a massive clean up of storm debris will be required in the City of
15 Slidell; and

16 WHEREAS, the City of Slidell has agreements for natural disaster clean ups
17 with Gulf State Contractors and Omni Construction; and

18 WHEREAS, due to a total breakdown of all communication equipment, the
19 City has not been able to contact Omni Construction, nor has Omni Construction
20 presented themselves to the City of Slidell; and

21 WHEREAS, Gulf State Contractors and its subcontractors arrived at the City
22 Operations Center on 8/31/05 with crews and equipment; and

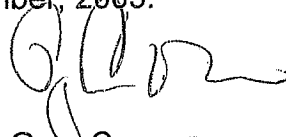
23 WHEREAS, Paragraph L.2 of the general solid waste collection and disposal
24 contract with Gulf State Contractors cannot be fairly invoked due to tremendous increases
25 in gasoline prices, debris disposal prices, and dumping fees.

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27 NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council in legal
28 session convened and under the authority of Section 2-13. Emergency Ordinances of the
29 Home Rule Charter of the City of Slidell, that Mayor Ben O. Morris is hereby authorized to
30 sign and enter into an emergency contract with Gulf State Contractors and its
31 subcontractors as outlined in the attached contract for the purposes of storm debris
32 cleanup and removal resulting from Hurricane Katrina.

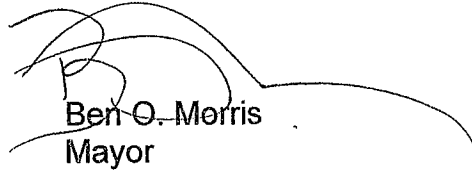
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34 BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance and the attached contract,
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ADOPTED this 2nd day of September, 2005.



Greg Cromer
Vice President
Councilman, District G



Ben O. Morris
Mayor



Shawn McManus, CMC
Council Administrator