Introduced December 13, 2005, by Councilwoman Livaudais, seconded by Councilman Cromer (by request of Administration)

## Item No. 05-12-2547

## **ORDINANCE NO. 3311**

An ordinance establishing pay plan provisions for "difficult-to-fill" positions.

WHEREAS, the City of Slidell is desirous of attracting and maintaining a qualified work force and maintaining pay equity among City employees; and

WHEREAS, the Slidell City Council has required by Ordinance 2917 a mandate that all classified Municipal employees begin employment at step one in the appropriate pay grade; and

WHEREAS, the City of Slidell from time to time has difficult-to-fill positions due to market demand and shortages of qualified applicants; and

WHEREAS, it is clear that flexibility in starting wages is required in those instances where applicant shortages and market conditions create difficult-to-fill positions; and

WHEREAS, if economic or employment conditions make it difficult to recruit the Civil Service Rules have a special entrance rate provision allowing a salary above the minimum level.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council that it does hereby adopt the following provision for establishing salaries for difficult-to-fill positions.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all newly hired classified employees shall be compensated at step one of the approved salary grade, except where market conditions make it difficult to recruit, compensation may be above the minimum for the

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range. Contingent upon the availability of funds such starting salary shall not exceed three steps above the beginning salary for the position. Upon unanimous recommendation by the Mayor and/or the Chief of Staff, or the Chief of Police and the Director of Civil Service Personnel and the Department Director, approval may be sought from the Civil Service Board before invoking the provisions of this rule.

BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED that said provision for difficult-to-fill positions shall expire on June 30, 2006.

ADOPTED this 10th day of January, 2006.

Gred Cromer

President of the Council Councilman, District G

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