Introduced August 8, 2006, by Councilman Cromer, seconded by Councilman Kingston, (by request of Administration)

Item No. 06-08-2587

ORDINANCE NO. 3343

An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, Chapter 15 Floods, Sec. 15-24, the definition of freeboard and Sec. 15-26(b), relative to FEMA advisory base flood elevations.

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has issued advisory base flood elevations (ABFE) for areas of the City of Slidell generally south of Fremaux Avenue/Shortcut Road; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the ABFE will allow Slidell's continued participation in the National Flood Insurance Program, and may result in low flood insurance premiums, and will remove an impediment to receiving federal funds in the future.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council that the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, Chapter 15 Floods, Sec. 15.24 by adding the definition of freeboard as follows:

"Freeboard means a factor of safety usually expressed in feet above a flood level for the purposes of floodplain management. "Freeboard" tends to compensate for the many unknown factors that could contribute to flood heights greater than the heights calculated for a selected size flood and floodway conditions, such as wave action, bridge openings, and the hydrological effect of urbanization of the watershed."

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council that Sec. 26(b) be amended to add the following sentence: "The advisory base flood

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elevations (ABFE) as shown on the revised ABFE maps for Slidell prepared by FEMA and released in February, 2006, plus one foot freeboard are hereby adopted."

ADOPTED this 12th day of September, 2006.

Greg Cromer

President of the Council Councilman, District G

Ben O. Merris Mayor

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