Introduced July 24, 2007, by Councilman Kingston, seconded by Councilman Canada

Item No. 07-07-2670

ORDINANCE NO. 3422

An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, Chapter 29 Vehicles for Hire, relative to ambulance providers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council that Ordinance Sections 29-21 and 29-22 be deleted and replaced with the following:

Sec. 29-21. Provision of Ambulance Services.

- (a) No person shall conduct, maintain or operate any ambulance on any street, alley, or public way or place in the City unless such person possesses a current accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services (CAAS).
- (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection A, any person not so accredited but who possesses a valid occupational license to operate an ambulance within the City as of the effective date of this Ordinance shall attain the accreditation required by this Section within two years of the effective date of this Ordinance. The provisions of this Subsection shall expire and have no effect two years after the effective date of this Ordinance.

Sec. 29-22. Adoption of State Statutes, Rules and Regulations.

- A. Louisiana Revised Statutes 40:1231, et seq. relative to Emergency Medical Services, as they are amended from time to time, are hereby adopted by reference.
- (b) Louisiana Revised Statutes 33:4791 and 33:4791.1 relative to regulation of private ambulance services by local governing authorities, as they are amended from time to time, are hereby adopted by reference.

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- (c) The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals Rule relative to Emergency Medical Services-Ambulance Certification as contained in the Louisiana Register Vol. 25, No. 4 dated April 20, 1999, as it is amended from time to time, is hereby adopted by reference.
- (d) Rules and Regulations promulgated by the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals relative to Emergency Medical Services, as they are amended from time to time, are hereby adopted by reference.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Sections 29-23 through 29-25 be added as follows:

Sec. 29-23. Quality Assurance Panel.

The Slidell City Council shall by resolution establish and maintain a Quality Assurance Panel which shall monitor the qualifications and performance of each person providing ambulance service within the City so as to ensure compliance with this Article and the performance (response times) required by CAAS.

Sec. 29-24. Permit Required.

No person shall conduct, maintain or operate any ambulance on any street, alley, or public way or place in the City unless such person holds a currently valid permit to do so as issued by the City of Slidell. No more than two permits may be active at any time. Permittees shall provide ambulance services at all times during the permit period unless

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the City receives written notice that such services shall not be provided. Such notice shall be submitted no later than ninety (90) days prior to the cessation of services.

Sec. 29-25. Permit Fee.

Each person conducting, maintaining or operating any ambulance within the City of Slidell shall pay an annual fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00). The fee shall be due on or before January 31 of each calendar year. Delinquent payments shall be subject to interest and penalty as provided by resolution of the City Council."

ADOPTED this 11th day of September, 2007.

Kevin Kingston

President of the Council Councilman-at-Large

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Ben O. Morris

-Mayor

Thomas P. Reeves

Council Administrator

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