Introduced December 18, 2007, by Councilman Kingston, seconded by Councilman Canada, (by request of Administration)

Item No. 07-12-2703

ORDINANCE NO. 3452

An ordinance providing for the incurring of debt and issuance of One Million Nine Hundred Seventy-One Thousand Dollars (\$1,971,000) of Certificates of Indebtedness, Series 2008, of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana; prescribing the form, terms and conditions of said Certificates; designating the date, denomination and place of payment thereof in principal and interest; authorizing the agreement with the Paying Agent; providing for the acceptance of a commitment for the purchase of said Certificates; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, the Budget for the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana (the "Issuer"), for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, shows an excess of revenues over statutory, necessary and usual charges and all other expenses for such fiscal year, after provision has been made for the payments required by the Outstanding Prior Lien Certificates as hereinafter defined; and

WHEREAS, as described above, said budget shows surplus moneys sufficient to meet the maximum principal and interest requirements in any future year on the Certificates of Indebtedness authorized herein, and this Council, as the governing authority of the Issuer (the "Governing Authority"), will herein obligate itself and its successors in office to budget and set aside annually adequate funds for the payment of the Certificates in principal and interest in future years and after provisions has been made for the payments required by the Outstanding Prior Lien Certificates; and

WHEREAS, Sections 2921 to 2925, inclusive, of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (R.S. 33:2921-2925), authorize the Issuer to make and enter into contracts dedicating the excess of annual revenues of subsequent years above statutory, necessary and usual charges to the payment of the cost of public improvements which are to be borne by the Issuer under such contracts, provided all such dedications do not exceed the estimated excess of revenue above statutory, necessary, and usual charges for the year in which such contract is made, after provision has been made for the payment of the Outstanding Prior Lien Certificates; and

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WHEREAS, the Issuer now desires to incur debt and issue One Million Nine Hundred Seventy-One Thousand Dollars (\$1,971,000) of its Certificates of Indebtedness, Series 2008, in the manner authorized and provided by the aforesaid Sections of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as hereinafter provided, for the purpose of constructing and acquiring equipment and other improvements to the Issuer's utilities system and paying the costs incurred in connection with the issuance of said Certificates; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer is not now a party to any contract pledging or dedicating its excess annual revenues above statutory, necessary and usual charges, except its Outstanding Prior Lien Certificates; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Issuer that the Certificates authorized herein be secured by and payable from the excess of annual revenues of the Issuer; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the State Bond Commission will approve the issuance of the Certificates at its meeting on January 24, 2008; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this Governing Authority to fix the details necessary with respect to the issuance of the Certificates and to provide for their authorization and issuance; and

WHEREAS, it is the further desire of this Governing Authority to provide for the sale of the Certificates at the price and in the manner hereinafter provided;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council, acting as the governing authority of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana, that:

SECTION 1. <u>Definitions</u>. As used herein, the following terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context otherwise requires:

"Act" means Sections 2921 to 2925, inclusive, of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority.

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"Agreement" means the agreement to be entered into between the Issuer and the Paying Agent pursuant to this Ordinance.

"Certificates" means the Issuer's Certificates of Indebtedness, Series 2008, authorized by this Ordinance in the total aggregate principal amount of \$1,971,000.

"Certificate Register" means the records kept by the Paying Agent at its principal corporate trust office in which registration of the Certificates and transfers of the Certificates shall be made as provided herein.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

"Executive Officers" means, collectively, the Mayor and the Council Administrator of the Governing Authority.

"Fiscal Year" means the one-year accounting period commencing on July 1 of each year, or such other one-year period as may be designated by the Governing Authority as the fiscal year of the Issuer.

"Governing Authority" means the Slidell City Council.

"Government Securities" means direct obligations of, or obligations the principal of and interest on which are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America, which are non-callable prior to their maturity, may be United States Treasury obligations such as the State and Local Government Series and may be in book-entry form.

"Interest Payment Date" means February 1 and August 1 of each year during which the Certificates are outstanding, commencing August 1, 2008.

"Issuer" means the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana.

"Ordinance" means this Ordinance authorizing the issuance of the Certificates, as it may be supplemented and amended.

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"Outstanding" when used with respect to Certificates means, as of the date of determination, all Certificates theretofore issued and delivered under this Ordinance, except:

- 1. Any Certificate theretofore cancelled by the Paying Agent or delivered to the Paying Agent for cancellation;
- Any Certificate for which payment or redemption sufficient funds have been theretofore deposited in trust for the owners of such Certificate with the effect specified in this Ordinance or by law, provided that if such Certificate is to be redeemed, irrevocable notice of such redemption has been duly given or provided for pursuant to this Ordinance or waived;
- 3. Any Certificate in exchange for or *in lieu* of which another Certificate has been registered and delivered pursuant to this Ordinance; and
- 4. Any Certificate alleged to have been mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen which may have been paid as provided in this Ordinance or by law.
- 5. Any Certificate for the payment of the principal (or redemption price, if any) of and interest on which money or Government Securities or both are held in trust with the effect specified in this Ordinance.

"Outstanding Prior Lien Certificates' means the Issuer's Revenue Anticipation Notes, Series 2005.

"Owner" when used with respect to any Certificate means the Person in whose name such Certificate is registered in the Certificate Register.

"Paying Agent" means Hancock Bank of Louisiana, in the City of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, until a successor Paying Agent shall have been appointed pursuant to the applicable provisions of this Ordinance and thereafter "Paying Agent" shall mean such successor Paying Agent.

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"Person" means any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

"Purchaser" means Hancock Bank of Louisiana, in the City of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, the original purchaser of the Certificates.

"Record Date" for the interest payable on any Interest Payment Date means the 15th calendar day of the month next preceding such Interest Payment Date.

SECTION 2. Authorization of Certificates; Maturities. In compliance with the terms and provisions of the Act, and other constitutional and statutory authority and subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, there is hereby authorized the incurring of an indebtedness of \$1,971,000 for, on behalf of, and in the name of the Issuer, for the purpose of constructing and acquiring equipment and other improvements to the Issuer's utilities system and paying the costs incurred in connection with the issuance of the Certificates, and to represent said indebtedness, this Governing Authority does hereby authorize the issuance of One Million Nine Hundred Seventy-One Thousand Dollars (\$1,971,000) of Certificates of Indebtedness, Series 2008, of the Issuer. The Certificates shall be in fully registered form, shall be dated the date of delivery thereof, shall be issued in denominations corresponding to the principal amount of each maturity (one Certificate per maturity), and shall be numbered from R-1 upward. The Certificates shall bear interest from the date thereof or from the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, payable on each Interest Payment Date, commencing August 1, 2008, at the following rate of interest per annum and shall become due and payable and mature serially on February 1 of the years and in the amounts, as follows:

CERTIFICATE	YEAR	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST
NUMBER	(FEB. 1)	AMOUNT	RATES
R-1	2009	\$164,000	3.44%
R-2	2010	170,000	3.44%
R-3	2011	177,000	3.44%
R-4	2012	184,000	3.44%

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R-5	2013	192,000	3.44%
R-6	2014	200,000	3.44%
R-7	2015	208,000	3.44%
R-8	2016	216,000	3.44%
R-9	2017	225,000	3.44%
R-10	2018	235,000	3.44%

The principal of the Certificates, upon maturity or redemption, shall be payable at the principal office of the Paying Agent, upon presentation and surrender thereof, and interest on the Certificates shall be payable by check mailed by the Paying Agent to the Owner (determined as of the close of business on the Record Date) at the address shown on the Certificate Register. Each Certificate delivered under this Ordinance upon transfer of, in exchange for or in lieu of any other Certificate shall carry all the rights to interest accrued and unpaid, and to accrue, which were carried by such other Certificate, and each such Certificate shall bear interest (as herein set forth) so neither gain nor loss in interest shall result from such transfer, exchange or substitution.

No Certificate shall be entitled to any right or benefit under this Ordinance, or be valid or obligatory for any purpose, unless there appears on such Certificate a certificate of registration, substantially in the form provided in this Ordinance, executed by the Paying Agent by manual signature.

SECTION 3. Redemption Provisions. The Certificates shall be callable for redemption at the option of the Issuer in whole or in part at any time at a redemption price of par plus accrued interest, if any, to the date of redemption. In the event a Certificate to be redeemed is of a denomination larger than \$1,000, a portion of such Certificate (\$1,000 or any multiple thereof) may be redeemed. Any Certificate which is to be redeemed only in part shall be surrendered at the office of the Paying Agent and there shall be delivered to the Owner of such Certificate, a new Certificate of the same maturity and of authorized denomination as requested by such owner in aggregate principal amount equal to and in exchange for the unredeemed portion of the principal of the Certificate so surrendered. Official notice of such call of any of the Certificates for redemption shall be given by means of first class mail, postage prepaid, by notice deposited in the United States mails not less

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than thirty (30) days prior to the redemption date addressed to the registered owner of each Certificate to be redeemed at his address as shown on the Certificate Register.

SECTION 4. Registration and Transfer. The Issuer shall cause the Certificate Register to be kept by the Paying Agent. The Certificates may be transferred, registered and assigned only on the Certificate Register, and such registration shall be at the expense of the Issuer. A Certificate may be assigned by the execution of an assignment form on the Certificate or by other instruments of transfer and assignment acceptable to the Paying Agent. A new Certificate or Certificates will be delivered by the Paying Agent to the last assignee (the new registered owner) in exchange for such transferred and assigned Certificates after receipt of the Certificates to be transferred in proper form. Such new Certificate or Certificates shall be in the denomination of \$1,000 or any integral multiple thereof within a single maturity. Neither the Issuer nor the Paying Agent shall be required to issue, register, transfer or exchange any Certificate during a period beginning (i) at the opening of business on a Record Date and ending at the close of business on the Interest Payment Date or (ii) with respect to Certificates to be redeemed, at the opening of business fifteen (15) days before the date of the mailing of a notice of redemption of such Certificates and ending on the date of such redemption.

SECTION 5. <u>Form of Certificates</u>. The Certificates and the endorsements to appear thereon shall be in substantially the following forms, respectively, to-wit:

[FORM OF CERTIFICATE]

No. R-	Principal Amount \$

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY

CERTIFICATE OF INDEBTEDNESS, SERIES 2008
CITY OF SLIDELL, STATE OF LOUISIANA

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Certificate	Maturity	Interest
Date	<u>Date</u>	Rate
	February 1.	%

The CITY OF SLIDELL, STATE OF LOUISIANA (the "Issuer"), promises to pay, but solely from the source and as hereafter provided, to:

HANCOCK BANK OF LOUISIANA

or registered assigns, on the Maturity Date set forth above, the Principal Amount set forth above, together with interest thereon from the Certificate Date set forth above or the most recent interest payment date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, payable on February 1 and August 1 of each year, commencing August 1, 2008 (each an "Interest Payment Date"), at the Interest Rate per annum set forth above until said Principal Amount is paid, unless this Certificate shall have been previously called for redemption and payment shall have been made or duly provided for. The principal of this Certificate, upon maturity or redemption, is payable in lawful money of the United States of America at the principal office of Hancock Bank of Louisiana, in the City of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, or successor thereto (the "Paying Agent"), upon presentation and surrender hereof. Interest on this Certificate is payable by check mailed by the Paying Agent to the registered owner (determined as of the close of business on the 15th calendar day of the month next preceding each Interest Payment Date) at the address as shown on the registration books of the Paying Agent.

This Certificate is one of an authorized issue aggregating in principal the sum of One Million Nine Hundred Seventy-One Thousand Dollars (\$1,971,000) (the "Certificates") all of like tenor and effect except as to number, denomination and maturity, said Certificates having been issued by the Issuer pursuant to an ordinance adopted by its governing authority on January 22, 2008 (the "Ordinance"), for the purpose of constructing and acquiring equipment and other improvements to the Issuer's utilities system (the "Project"), and paying the costs incurred in connection with the issuance of the Certificates, under the authority conferred by Sections 2921 to 2925, inclusive, of Title 33 of the Louisiana

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Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other applicable constitutional and statutory authority.

The Certificates shall be callable for redemption at the option of the Issuer in whole or in part at any time at a redemption price of par plus accrued interest, if any, to the date of redemption. In the event a Certificate to be redeemed is of a denomination larger than \$1,000, a portion of such Certificate (\$1,000 or any multiple thereof) may be redeemed. Any Certificate which is to be redeemed only in part shall be surrendered at the office of the Paying Agent and there shall be delivered to the owner of such Certificate, a new Certificate of the same maturity and of authorized denomination as requested by such owner in aggregate principal amount equal to and in exchange for the unredeemed portion of the principal of the Certificate so surrendered. Official notice of such call of any of the Certificates for redemption shall be given by means of first class mail, postage prepaid, by notice deposited in the United States mails not less than thirty (30) days prior to the redemption date addressed to the registered owner of each Certificate to be redeemed at his address as shown on the Certificate Register.

The Issuer shall cause to be kept at the principal office of the Paying Agent a register (the "Certificate Register") in which registration of the Certificates and of transfers of the Certificates shall be made as provided in the Ordinance. This Certificate may be transferred, registered and assigned only on the Certificate Register, and such registration shall be at the expense of the Issuer. This Certificate may be assigned by the execution of the assignment form hereon or by other instrument of transfer and assignment acceptable to the Paying Agent. A new Certificate or Certificates will be delivered by the Paying Agent to the last assignee (the new registered owner) in exchange for this transferred and assigned Certificate after receipt of this Certificate to be transferred in proper form. Such new Certificate or Certificates shall be in the denomination of \$1,000 or any integral multiple thereof within a single maturity. Neither the Issuer nor the Paying Agent shall be required to issue, register, transfer or exchange any Certificate during a period beginning (i) at the opening of business on the 15th calendar day of the month next preceding an Interest Payment Date and ending at the close of business on the Interest Payment Date or (ii) with respect to Certificates to be redeemed, at the opening of business fifteen (15) days before the date of the mailing of a notice of redemption of such Certificates and ending on the date of such redemption. This Certificate shall not be valid or become

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obligatory for any purpose or be entitled to any security or benefit under the Ordinance until the certificate of registration hereon shall have been signed by the Paying Agent.

The Certificates are secured by and payable as to principal and interest from a pledge and dedication of the excess of annual revenues above statutory, necessary and usual charges, after provision has been made for the payments required by the outstanding Revenue Anticipation Notes, Series 2005 (the "Outstanding Prior Lien Certificates"). The Issuer has covenanted and agreed to budget annually a sufficient sum of money to pay the Certificates, and the interest thereon, if any, as they respectively mature, including any principal and/or interest theretofore matured and then unpaid, and to levy and collect in each year taxes and to collect other revenues within the limits prescribed by law, sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Certificates, after the payment in such years of all such statutory, necessary and usual charges and the principal and interest falling due on the Outstanding Prior Lien Certificates. The Issuer, in the Ordinance, has also entered into certain other covenants and agreements with the registered owners of the Certificates, including a provision for the issuance of additional debt obligations on a parity with the Certificates, for the terms of which reference is made to the Ordinance.

It is certified that this Certificate is authorized by and issued in conformity with the requirements of the Constitution and statutes of the State of Louisiana. It is further certified, recited and declared that all acts, conditions and things required to exist, to happen and to be performed precedent to and in the issuance of this Certificate and the issue of which it forms a part to constitute the same legal, binding and valid obligations of the Issuer have existed, have happened and have been performed in due time, form and manner as required by law, and that the indebtedness of the Issuer, including this Certificate and the issue of which it forms a part, does not exceed the limitations prescribed by the Constitution and statutes of the State of Louisiana.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Slidell City Council, acting as the governing authority of the Issuer, has caused this Certificate to be executed in the name of the Issuer by the facsimile signatures of the Mayor and the Council Administrator of its governing authority and the corporate seal of the Issuer to be impressed or imprinted hereon.

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CITY OF SLIDELL, STATE OF LOUISIANA

Thomas P. Reeves Council Administrator Ben O. Morris Mayor

[SEAL]

the premises.

Dated:

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(FORM OF PAYING AGENT'S CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION)

This Certificate is one of the Certificates referred to in the within mentioned Ordinance.

HANCOCK BANK OF LOUISIANA

BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA as Paying Agent

Date of Registration:	By:Authorized Officer
-	,
(FC	PRM OF ASSIGNMENT)
FOR VALUE RECEIVED, th	e undersigned hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto
Please Insert Social Security or other Identifying Number of Assignee	
appoints	s thereunder, and hereby irrevocably constitutes and attorney or agent to transfer the for registration thereof, with full power of substitution ir

NOTICE: The signature to this assignment must correspond with the name as it appears upon the face of the within Certificate in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatever.

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SECTION 6. <u>Execution of Certificates</u>. The Certificates shall be signed by the Executive Officers for, on behalf of, in the name of and under the corporate seal of the Issuer, which signatures and corporate seal may be either manual or facsimile.

SECTION 7. Pledge and Dedication of Revenues. The Certificates shall be secured by and payable as to principal and interest from a pledge of the excess of annual revenues of the Issuer above statutory, necessary and usual charges, after provision has been made for the payment of the Outstanding Prior Lien Certificates. There is hereby irrevocably pledged and dedicated to the payment of the Certificates an amount of such excess of annual revenues sufficient to pay same in principal and interest as they respectively mature. Until the Certificates shall have been paid in full in principal and interest, the Governing Authority does hereby obligate the Issuer, itself and its successors in office, to budget annually a sum of money sufficient to pay the Certificates and the interest thereon, if any, as they respectively mature, including any principal and/or interest theretofore matured and then unpaid, and to levy and collect in each year taxes and to collect other revenues within the limits prescribed by law, sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Certificates, after the payment in such years of the statutory, necessary and usual charges and the principal and interest falling due on the Outstanding Prior Lien No further or additional pledges or dedications of the excess of annual Certificates. revenues shall be made which shall have priority over or parity with the pledge and dedication of such revenues herein made, except as provided in Section 8 hereof.

SECTION 8. <u>Parity Certificates</u>. The Issuer shall issue no other certificates or obligations of any kind or nature payable from or enjoying a lien on the excess of annual revenues of the Issuer above the said statutory, necessary and usual charges, having priority over or parity with the Certificates herein authorized except that additional certificates of indebtedness or other debt obligations may hereafter be issued on a parity with the Certificates under the following conditions:

(i) The Certificates herein authorized or any part thereof, including the interest thereon, may be refunded, and the refunding certificates so issued shall enjoy complete equality of lien with the portion of the Certificates which is not refunded, if there be any, and the refunding certificates shall continue to enjoy whatever priority of lien over subsequent issues may have been enjoyed by the

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Certificates refunded; provided, however, that if only a portion of the Certificates outstanding is so refunded and the refunding certificates require total principal and interest payments during any year in excess of the principal and interest which would have been required in such year to pay the Certificates refunded thereby, then such Certificates may not be refunded without the consent of the Owner of the unrefunded portion of the Certificates issued hereunder (provided such consent shall not be required if such refunding certificates meet the requirements set forth in clause (ii) of this Section).

- (ii) Additional certificates of indebtedness may be issued on and enjoy a full and complete parity with the Certificates with respect to the excess of annual revenues, provided that the anticipated excess of annual revenues in the year in which the additional certificates of indebtedness are to be issued, as reflected in the budget adopted by the Governing Authority, must be at least 1.5 times the combined principal and interest requirements for any calendar year on the Certificates and the said additional certificates of indebtedness.
- (iii) Junior and subordinate certificates of indebtedness may be issued without restriction.
- (iv) The Issuer must be in full compliance with all covenants and undertakings in connection with the Certificates and there must be no delinquencies in payments required to be made in connection therewith.
- (v) The additional certificates must be payable as to principal on February 1st of each year, commencing not more than 2 years from the date thereof, and payable as to interest on February 1 and August 1 of each year.
- SECTION 9. <u>Sinking Fund</u>. For the payment of the principal of and the interest on the Certificates and the Outstanding Prior Lien Certificates and any additional parity certificates of indebtedness, there will be created a special fund known as "Certificates of Indebtedness (2007) Sinking Fund" (the "Sinking Fund"), said Sinking Fund being established and maintained with the regularly designated fiscal agent bank of the Issuer. The Issuer shall deposit in said Sinking Fund at least one (1) day in advance of the date on

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which each payment of principal and/or interest on the Certificates falls due, funds fully sufficient to promptly pay the maturing principal and/or interest so falling due on such date. The depository for the Sinking Fund shall transfer from the Sinking Fund to the Paying Agent funds fully sufficient to pay promptly the principal and interest falling due on such date

It shall be specifically understood and agreed, however, and this provision shall be a part of this contract, that after the funds have actually been budgeted out of the revenues of any Fiscal Year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Certificates herein authorized for the Fiscal Year, and all required amounts have been deposited in the Sinking Fund established for the Certificates and the Outstanding Prior Lien Certificates, then any excess of annual revenues remaining in that Fiscal Year shall be free for expenditure by the Issuer for any other lawful corporate purpose.

All moneys deposited with the regularly designated fiscal agent bank or banks of the Issuer or the Paying Agent under the terms of this Ordinance shall constitute sacred funds for the benefit of the Owners of the Certificates and the Outstanding Prior Lien Certificates, and shall be secured by said fiduciaries at all times to the full extent thereof in the manner required by law for the securing of deposits of public funds.

All or any part of the moneys in the Sinking Fund shall, at the written request of the Issuer, be invested in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the State of Louisiana, in which event all income derived from such investments shall be added to the General Fund of the Issuer.

SECTION 10. <u>Budget</u>; <u>Audit</u>. As long as any of the Certificates are outstanding and unpaid in principal or interest, the Issuer shall prepare and adopt a budget prior to the beginning of each Fiscal Year and shall furnish a copy of such budget within thirty (30) days after its adoption to the Paying Agent and the Purchaser; the Issuer shall also furnish a copy of such budget to the Owners of any of the Certificates who request the same. Not later than six (6) months after the close of each Fiscal Year, the Issuer shall cause an audit of its books and accounts to be initiated by the Legislative Auditor or an independent firm of certified public accountants showing the receipts and disbursements made by the Issuer during the previous Fiscal Year. Such audit, when completed, shall be available for

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inspection by the Owner of any of the Certificates, and a copy of such audit shall be furnished to the Purchaser.

SECTION 11. <u>Application of Proceeds</u>. The Executive Officers are hereby empowered, authorized and directed to do any and all things necessary and incidental to carry out all of the provisions of this Ordinance, to cause the necessary Certificates to be printed, to issue, execute and seal the Certificates, and to effect delivery thereof as hereinafter provided. The proceeds derived from the sale of the Certificates, if any, shall be deposited by the Issuer with its fiscal agent bank or banks to be used only for the purpose for which the Certificates are issued.

SECTION 12. <u>Certificates Legal Obligations</u>. The Certificates shall constitute legal, binding and valid obligations of the Issuer and shall be the only representations of the indebtedness as herein authorized and created.

SECTION 13. Ordinance a Contract. The provisions of this Ordinance shall constitute a contract between the Issuer, or its successor, and the Owner or Owners from time to time of the Certificates, and any such Owner or Owners may at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceedings, enforce and compel the performance of all duties required to be performed by this Governing Authority or the Issuer as a result of issuing the Certificates.

No material modification or amendment of this Ordinance, or of any Ordinance amendatory hereof or supplemental hereto, may be made without the consent in writing of the Owners of two-thirds (2/3) of the aggregate principal amount of the Certificates then outstanding; provided, however, that no modification or amendment shall permit a change in the maturity or redemption provisions of the Certificates, or a reduction in the rate of interest thereon, or in the amount of the principal obligation thereof, or affecting the obligation of the Issuer to pay the principal of and the interest on the Certificates as the same shall come due from the revenues appropriated, pledged and dedicated to the payment thereof by this Ordinance, or reduce the percentage of the Owners required to consent to any material modification or amendment of this Ordinance, without the consent of the Owners of the Certificates.

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SECTION 14. <u>Severability</u>; <u>Application of Subsequently Enacted Laws</u>. In case any one or more of the provisions of this Ordinance or of the Certificates shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provisions of this Ordinance or of the Certificates, but this Ordinance and the Certificates shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provisions had not been contained therein. Any constitutional or statutory provisions enacted after the date of this Ordinance which validate or make legal any provision of this Ordinance and/or the Certificates which would not otherwise be valid or legal, shall be deemed to apply to this Ordinance and to the Certificates.

SECTION 15. Recital of Regularity. This Governing Authority having investigated the regularity of the proceedings had in connection with the Certificates and having determined the same to be regular, the Certificates shall contain the following recital, to-wit:

"It is certified that this Certificate is authorized by and is issued in conformity with the requirements of the Constitution and statutes of the State of Louisiana."

SECTION 16. <u>Effect of Registration</u>. The Issuer, the Paying Agent, and any agent of either of them may treat the Owner in whose name any Certificate is registered as the Owner of such Certificate for the purpose of receiving payment of the principal (and redemption price) of and interest on such Certificate and for all other purposes whatsoever, and to the extent permitted by law, neither the Issuer, the Paying Agent, nor any agent of either of them shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

SECTION 17. Notices to Owners. Wherever this Ordinance provides for notice to Owners of Certificates of any event, such notice shall be sufficiently given (unless otherwise herein expressly provided) if in writing and mailed first class, postage prepaid, to each Owner of such Certificates, at the address of such Owner as it appears in the Certificate Register. In any case where notice to Owners of Certificates is given by mail, neither the failure to mail such notice to any particular Owner of Certificates, nor any defect in any notice so mailed, shall affect the sufficiency of such notice with respect to all other Certificates. Where this Ordinance provides for notice in any manner, such notice may be

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waived in writing by the Owner or Owners entitled to receive such notice, either before or after the event, and such waiver shall be the equivalent of such notice. Waivers of notice by Owners shall be filed with the Paying Agent, but such filing shall not be a condition precedent to the validity of any action taken in reliance upon such waiver.

SECTION 18. <u>Cancellation of Certificates</u>. All Certificates surrendered for payment, redemption, transfer, exchange or replacement, if surrendered to the Paying Agent, shall be promptly canceled by it and, if surrendered to the Issuer, shall be delivered to the Paying Agent and, if not already canceled, shall be promptly canceled by the Paying Agent. The Issuer may at any time deliver to the Paying Agent for cancellation any Certificates previously registered and delivered which the Issuer may have acquired in any manner whatsoever, and all Certificates so delivered shall be promptly canceled by the Paying Agent. All canceled Certificates held by the Paying Agent shall be disposed of as directed in writing by the Issuer.

SECTION 19. Mutilated, Destroyed, Lost or Stolen Certificates. If (1) any mutilated Certificate is surrendered to the Paying Agent, or the Issuer and the Paying Agent receive evidence to their satisfaction of the destruction, loss or theft of any Certificate, and (2) there is delivered to the Issuer and the Paying Agent such security or indemnity as may be required by them to save each of them harmless, then, in the absence of notice to the Issuer or the Paying Agent that such Certificate has been acquired by a bona fide purchaser, the Issuer shall execute, and upon its request the Paying Agent shall register and deliver, in exchange for or in lieu of any such mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen Certificate, a new Certificate of the same maturity and of like tenor, interest rate and principal amount, bearing a number not contemporaneously outstanding. In case any such mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Certificate has become or is about to become due and payable, the Issuer in its discretion may, instead of issuing a new Certificate, pay such Certificate. Upon the issuance of any new Certificate under this Section, the Issuer may require the payment by the Owner of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in relation thereto and any other expenses (including the fees and expenses of the Paying Agent) connected therewith. Every new Certificate issued pursuant to this Section in lieu of any mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen certificate shall constitute a replacement of the prior obligation of the Issuer, whether or not

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the mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Certificate shall be at any time enforceable by anyone and shall be entitled to all the benefits of this Ordinance. Any additional procedures set forth in the Agreement, authorized in this Ordinance, shall also be available with respect to mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Certificates. The provisions of this Section are exclusive and shall preclude (to the extent lawful) all other rights and remedies with respect to the replacement and payment of mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Certificates.

SECTION 20. <u>Discharge of Ordinance</u>; <u>Defeasance</u>. If the Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid, or there shall otherwise be paid to the Owners, the principal (and redemption price) of and interest on the Certificates, at the times and in the manner stipulated in this Ordinance, then the pledge of the money, securities, and funds pledged under this Ordinance and all covenants, agreements, and other obligations of the Issuer to the Owners of the Certificates shall thereupon cease, terminate, and become void and be discharged and satisfied, and the Paying Agent shall pay over or deliver all money held by it under this Ordinance to the Issuer.

Certificates or interest installments for the payment or redemption of which money shall have been set aside and shall be held in trust (through deposit by the Issuer of funds for such payment or redemption or otherwise) at the maturity or redemption date thereof shall be deemed to have been paid within the meaning and with the effect expressed above in this Section. Certificates shall be deemed to have been paid, prior to their maturity, within the meaning and with the effect expressed above in this Section if there shall have been deposited in trust either money in an amount which shall be sufficient, or Government Securities the principal of and the interest on which when due will provide money which, together with the money, if any, deposited in trust at the same time, shall be sufficient to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest to become due on such Certificates on and prior to the stated maturity or (if notice of the call for redemption has been duly given or waived or if irrevocable arrangements therefor have been made) redemption date thereof. Neither Government Securities nor money deposited in trust pursuant to this Section, nor principal or interest payments on any such Government Securities, shall be withdrawn or used for any such purpose other than, and shall be held in trust for, the payment of the principal (and redemption price) of and interest on such Certificates. Any cash received from such principal of and interest on such investment

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securities deposited in trust, if not needed for such purpose, shall, to the extent practicable, be reinvested in Government Securities (which may be non-interest bearing) maturing at times and in amounts sufficient to pay when due the principal, premium, if any, and interest on such Certificates on and prior to the maturity thereof, and interest earned from such reinvestments shall be paid over to the Issuer as received by the depositary, free and clear of any trust, lien, or pledge. Any payment for Government Securities purchased for the purpose of reinvestment as aforesaid shall be made only against delivery of such Government Securities.

SECTION 21. <u>Successor Paying Agent; Paying Agent Agreement</u>. The Issuer will at all times maintain a Paying Agent meeting the qualifications hereinafter described for the performance of the duties hereunder for the Certificates. The designation of the initial Paying Agent in this Ordinance is hereby confirmed and approved. The Issuer reserves the right to appoint a successor Paying Agent. Every Paying Agent appointed hereunder shall at all times be a bank or trust company organized and doing business under the laws of the United States of America or of any state, authorized under such laws to exercise trust powers, and subject to supervision or examination by Federal or State authority. The Executive Officers are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all action and execute an appropriate agreement, instrument, document or certificate necessary to effectuate the purpose of this Section.

SECTION 22. <u>Disclosure Under SEC Rule 15c2-12</u>. It is recognized that the Issuer will not be required to comply with the continuing disclosure requirements described in the Rule 15c-2-12(b) of the Securities and Exchange Commission [17 CFR •240.15c2-12(b)], because:

- (a) the Certificates are not being purchased by a broker, dealer or municipal securities dealer acting as an underwriter in a primary offering of municipal securities, and
- (b) the Certificates are being sold to only one financial institution(i.e., no more than thirty-five persons), which (i) have such knowledge and experience in financial and business matters that they are capable of evaluating the merits and risks of the prospective investment in the Certificates and (ii) are not purchasing the Certificates for more than one account or with a view to distributing the Certificates.

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SECTION 23. Arbitrage. The Issuer covenants and agrees that, to the extent permitted by the laws of the State of Louisiana, it will comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and any amendment thereto (the "Code") in order to establish, maintain and preserve the exclusion from "gross income" of interest on the Certificates under the Code. The Issuer further covenants and agrees that it will not take any action, fail to take any action, or permit any action within its control to be taken, or permit at any time or times any of the proceeds of the Certificates or any other funds of the Issuer to be used directly or indirectly in any manner, the effect of which would be to cause the Certificates to be "arbitrage bonds: or would result in the inclusion of the interest on any of the Certificates in gross income under the Code, including, without limitation, (i) the failure to comply with the limitation on investment of Certificate proceeds or (ii) the failure to pay any required rebate of arbitrage earnings to the United States of America or (iii) the use of the proceeds of the Certificates in a manner which would cause the Certificates to be "private activity bonds".

The Executive Officers are hereby empowered, authorized and directed to take any and all action and to execute and deliver any instrument, document or certificate necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Section.

SECTION 24. "Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations". The Certificates are designated as "qualified tax-exempt obligations: within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3)(B)of the Code. In making this designation, the Issuer finds and determines that:

- (a) the Certificates are not "private activity bonds" within the meaning of the Code; and
- (b) the reasonably anticipated amount of qualified tax-exempt obligations which will be issued by the Issuer and all subordinate entities in calendar year 2008 does not exceed \$10,000,000.

SECTION 25. <u>Award of Certificates</u>. The Issuer hereby accepts the offer of the Purchaser to purchase the Certificates attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u>. The Certificates shall be delivered to the Purchaser upon the payment of the principal amount thereof.

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SECTION 26. Employment of Bond Counsel. The law firm of Foley & Judell, L.L.P., Bond Counsel, is hereby employed as Bond Counsel to the Issuer to handle all matters of a legal nature in connection with the negotiation, sale and delivery of the Certificates. The fee of Foley & Judell, L.L.P., in connection with said program of finance be and the same is hereby established and fixed, at a sum permitted under the Attorney General's approved schedule for comprehensive legal and coordinate professional service for revenue bonds based upon the total principal amount of the Certificates actually issued, sold and delivered, plus "out-of-pocket" expenses. A certified copy of this Ordinance shall be forwarded to the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana for his approval of the employment herein provided for.

SECTION 27. Headings. The headings of the various sections hereof are inserted for convenience of reference only and shall not control or affect the meaning or construction of any of the provisions hereof.

SECTION 28. Introduction of Ordinance. This Ordinance having been introduced at a duly convened meeting on December 18, 2007, in compliance with a duly published agenda item and notice of introduction hereof having been published once in the official journal of the Issuer at least seven (7) days prior to the date of adoption hereof and having been duly adopted by the Slidell City Council on January 22, 2008, pursuant to a duly published agenda item, in compliance with the provisions of the City Charter, this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval by the Mayor of the City.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of January, 2008.

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Thomas P. Reeves Council Administrator President of the Council Councilman, District E

Ben O. Morris Mayor