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VETO OVERRIDDEN 3/11/08

Introduced December 18, 2008, by Councilman
Hicks, seconded by Councilman Kingston

Item No. 07-12-2701

ORDINANCE NO. 3454 (VETO)

An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, Appendix A-Zoning, to provide for replacement of mobile homes which were destroyed by Hurricane Katrina.

WHEREAS, several Slidell citizens resided in mobile homes as conditional uses in the residential redevelopment district; and

WHEREAS, those mobile homes were rendered uninhabitable by Hurricane Katrina; and

WHEREAS, it is desired that those citizens be allowed to replace the mobile homes with manufactured homes in the same location; and

WHEREAS, the Slidell Planning and Zoning Commission has issued a favorable recommendation to amend Appendix A Zoning to provide for replacement of mobile homes which were destroyed by Hurricane Katrina.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council that the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, Appendix A-Zoning, Section 2.26, be and the same is hereby amended to add the following:

Section 2.26. Residential redevelopment district.

2.2608 Conditional uses in the residential redevelopment district are: Manufactured housing shall be limited to a single-family use, shall be permanently installed, and shall be owner occupied. Renting of manufactured housing shall be prohibited. Only those persons residing in mobile homes in the residential redevelopment district on August 29, 2005, shall be allowed this conditional use.

2.2609 Regulations for conditional uses for manufactured housing in the residential redevelopment district are as follows:

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4 (1) Yard:

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6 (a) Front yard: Front building lines shall conform to the average building
7 lines in a developed block, but in no case shall it be less than 20 feet.

8 (b) Side yard: Ten feet.

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10 (c) Rear yard: 20 feet.

11 (2) Lot size:

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13 (a) There shall be a lot width of a minimum of 50 feet.

14 (b) Every lot shall contain an area of not less than 5,000 square feet per
15 family unit.

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17 (3) Parking and walkways:

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19 (a) Two off-street hard surface parking spaces, each nine feet wide by
20 twenty feet in length, or a combination of the two, shall be required for
21 each lot.

22 (b) A hard-surfaced walkway, a minimum width of thirty-six inches, shall be
23 provided from the parking area to the entranceway of the manufactured
24 housing.

25 (4) Skirting properly ventilated shall be required around the manufactured
26 housing.

27 (a) The following materials are acceptable for skirting.

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29 (1) Corrugated skirting material designed for use with manufactured
30 housing.

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32 (2) Solid brickwork, perforated for ventilation and water passage.

33 (3) Bricks, painted concrete blocks, redwood or similar fencing material,
34 perforated for ventilation and water passage.

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36 (4) Lattice work with a minimum of one-inch width by one-quarter inch
37 thick slats with maximum opening between slats of four square
38 inches.

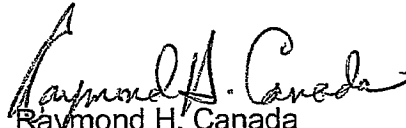
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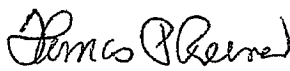
- 4 (5) Manufactured housing shall be required to have an occupancy permit.
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6 (6) Manufactured housing shall meet anchoring requirements as per the
7 International Residential Code, Appendix E, with all amendments.
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9 (7) Manufactured housing shall have been manufactured according to Mobile
10 Homes Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1975 as adopted by the U.
11 S. Congress with all amendments.
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13 (8) Manufactured housing shall be required to have a solid concrete pad used for
14 the outside air conditioning unit suitable for the size of the unit.

15 BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED that this ordinance shall be effective upon
16 adoption.

17 **ADOPTED** this 12th day of February, 2008.

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20 Raymond H. Canada
21 President of the Council
22 Councilman, District E
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24 **VETO**
25 Ben O. Morris
26 Mayor
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BEN O. MORRIS
MAYOR

MEMORANDUM

TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS
CLERK OF COUNCIL

FROM: BEN O. MORRIS

DATE: FEBRUARY 26, 2008

RE: VETO MESSAGE OF ORDINANCE # 3454

VETO MESSAGE
ORDINANCE # 3454

February 26, 2008

I respectfully veto ordinance 3454, for the second time. I do so for the following reasons:

In my opinion this ordinance is racist. Its negative implications affect a predominately African American neighborhood and nowhere else in our city.

This ordinance flies in the face of public safety. The safety concerns are and were apparent in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Most homes in our city survived structurally both wind and water; however, many trailers for the most part suffered catastrophic damage and will do so again should we experience another severe storm.

In addition, over the last two years, I have attempted to provide these unfortunate citizens a home. There were assets and organizations in and around Slidell that would have gladly come to their assistance and built homes either for free or at a cost that would have been similar to that of a mobile home. Some are still here and are willing to make their services available.

I have for at least a year and a half asked for a list of the citizens affected and their addresses, but one was not provided until approximately ten (10) days ago.

My staff and I have requested a meeting with the citizens who need replacement homes and both meetings were cancelled not by my staff or me for various unknown reasons. I have on repeated occasions asked in Council meetings for any citizen who wished to come to my office and discuss the possibility of obtaining a home to replace their mobile


home and have also been met with a stone silence. A meeting with me has never been requested, and, as each of you know, all you have to do is walk in my door or call me at home.

A Councilman remarked during a discussion of this issue at our last Council meeting, "Why have you not called them?" referring to me. My question is why as a Council member has he not called them or at least set up a meeting with them and other Council members to discuss options that would not only provide a better quality of life, but a safer environment for these citizens? All I have heard relative to this issue is not in my backyard, but it is OK in the redevelopment district.

This veto may be overturned, but this ordinance, if passed, will reduce the property values and the quality of life of those citizens who have struggled to rebuild their homes, their neighborhood, and our city.

The decision to override my veto is in your hands.

I stand on my principles.



Ben O Morris
Mayor

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