Introduced March 25, 2008, by Councilman Canada, seconded by Councilman Hursey, (by request of Administration)

### Item No. 08-03-2719

### **ORDINANCE NO. 3467**

An ordinance ratifying and approving the levy of a one percent (1%) sales and use tax in the area comprising the Fremaux Economic Development District, State of Louisiana, and taking other actions on behalf of the District.

WHEREAS, the Slidell City Council (the "Council"), acting as the governing authority of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana (the "City"), on March 25, 2008, approved the creation of the Fremaux Economic Development District, State of Louisiana (the "District"); and

WHEREAS, the Council, acting as the governing authority of the District, in order to finance and fund certain projects, approved the levy of an additional one percent (1.00%) sales and use tax and an additional one percent (1.00%) hotel occupancy tax (collectively, the "District Tax") in the District; and

WHEREAS, the Council, acting as the governing authority of the District, now desires to ratify and approve the levy of the District Tax; and

WHEREAS, the Council now desires to take other action on behalf of the District;

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

SECTION 1. Levy of Sales and Use Tax. That in accordance with La. R.S. 33:9038.39 and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, there is hereby ratified and authorized to be levied in the District, effective April 1, 2008, an

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additional sales tax of one percent (1.00%), upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property, upon the lease or rental of tangible personal property and on the sales of services in the District, as defined by law (the "District Sales Tax").

The proceeds of the District Sales Tax shall be used to pay the costs of economic development projects, as defined in the Act, particularly in La. R.S. 33: 9038.34(M) and La. R.S. 33:9038.36. The Uniform Local Sales Tax Code, as enacted by Act No. 73 of the 2003 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, and as it may be amended from time to time, shall apply in the assessment, collection, administration and enforcement of the District Sales Tax, the provisions of which Uniform Local Sales Tax Code are hereby incorporated by reference.

As provided by La. R.S. 33:9038.39, no election shall be required in connection with the levy of the District Sales Tax, since there are no qualified electors in the District.

SECTION 2. Levy of Hotel Occupancy Tax. That in accordance with La. R.S. 33:9038.39 and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, there is hereby ratified and authorized to be levied within the District, effective April 1, 2008, a tax (the "District Hotel Tax") upon the occupancy of hotel rooms, motel rooms and overnight camping facilities, including campgrounds, to be used to reimburse costs of economic development projects as defined in the Act. The District Hotel Tax is fixed at the rate of one percent (1.00%) of the rental or fee charged for such occupancy as defined in

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Ordinance No. 3461. The Council hereby ratifies all other provision of Ordinance No. 3461 pertaining to the District Hotel Tax.

SECTION 3. Official District Matters. That the domicile of the District shall be the City Hall, Slidell, Louisiana; the official journal of the City shall be the official journal of the District; the Council Administrator shall serve as Secretary-Treasurer of the District; the fiscal agent bank of City shall be the fiscal agent bank of the District; the regular meeting dates of the City shall be the regular meeting dates of the District (provided, however, that such meeting is not required to be held if there is no business to come before the Council acting as governing authority of the District); and the fiscal year of the City shall be the fiscal year of the District.

SECTION 4. <u>Seal of the District</u>. That the Secretary-Treasurer of the District is hereby authorized to procure an official seal be adopted for the District when necessary, which seal shall be in the following form and description, to-wit:

Around the edge of the die, the words "Fremaux Economic Development District, State of Louisiana", and in the center of the word "SEAL".

SECTION 5. <u>Ratification of Other Matters</u>. That any and all other matters taken by the Council on behalf of the District, as its governing authority, are hereby approved and ratified to the extent necessary, including but not limited to all matters in Ordinance No. 3461 adopted on March 25, 2008.

SECTION 6. <u>Introduction of Ordinance</u>. This Ordinance having been introduced at a duly convened meeting on March 25, 2008, in compliance with a duly

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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 April 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 April, 2008.

Raymond H. Canada President of the Council Councilman, District E

Ben O. Morris Mayor

Thomas P. Reeves
Council Administrator

DELIVERED 12:30 p·m.

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STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY

I, the undersigned Council Administrator of the Slidell City Council (the "Governing Authority"), the governing authority of the Fremaux Economic Development District, State of Louisiana (the "District"), do hereby certify that the foregoing four (4) pages constitute a true and correct copy of an ordinance adopted by said Council on April 22, 2008, ratifying and approving the levy of a one percent (1%) sale and use tax in the area comprising the Fremaux Economic Development District, State of Louisiana, and taking other actions on behalf of the District.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature and the impress of the official seal of said District on this 22nd day of April, 2008.

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Thomas P. Reeves Council Administrator

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