Introduced July 8, 2008 by Councilman Canada, seconded by Councilman Hursey, (by request of Administration)

## Item No. 08-07-2748

## **ORDINANCE NO. 3489**

An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, Chapter 21 Personnel, Section 21-21, relative to health insurance benefits.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council that the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, Ordinance Chapter 21 be amended as follows:

## **ARTICLE II. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

Sec. 21-21. Health insurance; participation; employer contributions; definition.

- Subsection (a) is amended to read: "The city shall contribute to a program of health insurance for all full-time city employees, elected officials and retirees as provided in this subsection."
- 2. Subsection (b) is redesignated as Subsection (c).
- 3. Add a new Subsection (b) to read: "City contributions to the cost of the health insurance program shall be paid from amounts appropriated for such purposes. The city shall contribute seventy-five percent (75%) of the cost of the program for each eligible full-time employee and each elected official."
- 3. Add a new Subsection (d) to read: "City employees who were hired after September 1, 2008 and who retire from the city may participate in the city's health insurance program under the following conditions:
  - (1) The employee shall be vested and eligible to retire under any retirement plan authorized by the city;

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- (2) The employee shall have participated in the city's health insurance program for no less than five years immediately prior to retirement;
- (3) The city shall contribute to the cost of the health insurance premium at the rate of three percent (3%) for every year of continuous service with the city up to a maximum of seventy-five percent (75%);
- The employee's spouse and/or dependents may continue participating in the city's health insurance program provided that the spouse and dependents participated in the program for no less than five years immediately prior to the employee's retirement. The participation provided by this provision shall be at the sole cost of the employee and without any contribution from the city;
- (5) Upon attainment of the age of sixty-five the employee/retiree and his spouse shall be covered by Medicare without any further participation in the city's health insurance program. Employees/retirees who are not eligible for Medicare may continue their participation in the city's program under the same provisions contained in this subsection.
- (6) The provision of this subsection shall not apply to a city employee who separates from city service in order to avoid disciplinary action.

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ADOPTED this 12th day of August, 2008.

President of the Council Councilman, District E

Morris

Mayor

Thomas P. Reeves Council Administrator

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