Introduced April 14, 2009, by Councilman Hursey, seconded by Councilman Hicks, (by request of Administration)

Item No. 09-04-2806

ORDINANCE NO. 3534

An ordinance imposing penalties on arrestees for failure to return to incarceration after certain releases.

WHEREAS, the City of Slidell Police Department in certain instances grants releases from incarceration to arrestees who:

- (1) May require medical attention; or
- (2) May be allowed to spend the night away from the Slidell Police Department correctional facility to alleviate overcrowding; or
- (3) May be allowed to work away from the Slidell Police Department correctional facility; and

WHEREAS, there have been isolated instances where arrestees have failed to return to incarceration after grounds for release have lapsed; and

WHEREAS, the City's code or ordinances does not address such failure to return nor what is commonly referred to as simple escape under state law.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council that a new section 11-209 is hereby adopted to read as follows:

"11-209. Simple Escape

- (A) It shall be unlawful for any person to commit the crime of simple escape.
- (B) Simple escape shall mean any of the following:
- (1) The intentional departure, under circumstances wherein human life is not endangered, of a person imprisoned, committed, or detained from a place where such

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person is legally confined, from a designated area of a place where such person is legally confined, or from the lawful custody of any law enforcement officer or officer of the Slidell Police Department.

- (2) The failure of a criminal serving a sentence and participating in a release program conducted by the Slidell Police Department to report or return from his planned activity under the program at the appointed time.
- (3) The failure of a person who has been granted a medical furlough to return to his place of confinement at the appointed time."

ADOPTED this 12th day of May, 2009.

Rickey Hursey

President of the Council Councilman, District B

Ben O. Morris

Mayor

Thomas P. Reeves
Council Administrator

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