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Introduced October 8, 2013, by Councilman
Hicks, seconded by Councilman Cusimano, (by
request of Administration)

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4 **Item No. 13-01-2968**

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6 **ORDINANCE NO. 3705**

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8 An ordinance revising and amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of
9 Slidell, Chapter 27, Traffic and Vehicles, Article VII, Parades, in its entirety.

10 WHEREAS, the City desires to revise and amend the City of Slidell Code of
11 Ordinances, Chapter 27, Traffic and Vehicles, Article VII, Parades, in its entirety; and

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13 NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council that it does
14 hereby amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, Chapter 27 Traffic and
15 Vehicles, Article VII, as follows:
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18 **Sec. 27-161. Mardi Gras and St. Patrick Day Parades, purpose:**

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20 The regulations contained in this chapter are ordained and required for the
21 public health, safety, morals, good order, convenience and general welfare of the
22 community. It is the intention of this article to establish reasonable limits to the demand for
23 law enforcement, sanitation and other City services and the fire department, and to
24 maintain the great tradition of Carnival.
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28 **Sec. 27-162. Definitions.**

29 For the purpose of this section, the following terms are defined as follows:

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31 *Definitions.* The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this
32 section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the
33 context clearly indicates a different meaning:
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36 (a) *Carnival/Mardi Gras event day* is one (1) of the following days: Friday,
37 Saturday or Sunday during the Carnival/Mardi Gras parade Season.
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4 (b) *Carnival/Mardi Gras parade* is a parade staged during the official carnival
5 parade season conducted by a carnival organization consisting of floats, mini floats,
6 tandem floats, bands and marching organizations.

7 (c) *Carnival/Mardi Gras parade season* is designated as that period beginning
8 three (3) weekends prior to Fat Tuesday.
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10 (d) *Float* is a vehicle with four (4) or more wheels without brakes or an engine for
11 its own propulsion, upon which is constructed artistic designs and which carries costumed
12 and/or masked riders.

13 (e) *Float lieutenant* refers to a person designated by the captain and/or the
14 governing board of the krewe who shall be responsible for maintaining acceptable conduct
15 and decorum on the float, in accordance with City of Slidell Ordinances relative to
16 Carnival/Mardi Gras parades.

17 (f) *Float parade organization* is a corporation, limited liability company or other
18 legal entity with riders and organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, for the sole
19 purpose of staging a parade, which primarily uses a number of floats for its parade.
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21 (g) *Krewe* is any organization granted a permit by the City to conduct a
22 Carnival/Mardi Gras parade, whether or not the actual name of the organization includes
23 the word "krewe."

24 (h) *Horse Riding Club/Group* is a corporation, limited liability company or other
25 legal entity organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, for the purpose of parading
26 in costume on a horse during the parade season.
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28 (i) *Marching club* is a corporation, school marching groups, churches, dance
29 groups, limited liability company or other legal entity organized under the laws of the State
30 of Louisiana, for the purpose of parading in costume and on foot during the parade
31 season.

32 (j) *Material misrepresentation* is defined to include but is not limited to any of the
33 following:

- 34 (1) The furnishing of false information in any parade application; or
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36 (2) Providing false information to the City of Slidell in response to inquiries
37 made to the parade or parade organization.
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4 (k) *Media* is defined as the press section of mass media industry that focuses on
5 presenting current news to the public.

6 (l) *Parade* means:

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- 8 (1) Any march, ceremony, show, exhibition, pageant, or procession of any
9 kind, or any similar display, in or upon any street, park or other public
10 place in this municipality.
 - 11 (2) Parade/Krewe size will consist of a minimum of 10 floats and a minimum
12 of twelve riders, six per side.
 - 13 (3) Exemptions: King/Queen Courts.

14 (m) *Parade permit* means a permit as required by this section.

15 (n) *Report*. The police chief shall furnish the mayor or his designee a written
16 report covering the following topics:

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- 18 (1) The impact the parade is likely to have on the movement of traffic in
19 areas contiguous to the parade route.
 - 20 (2) The impact the parade is likely to have on normal police protection for the
21 City as a whole.
 - 22 (3) The impact the concentration of persons and vehicles at assembly points
23 is likely to have on police protection to areas contiguous to such areas.
 - 24 (4) Any other information the police chief deems pertinent to the
25 consideration of permit issuance.

26 (o) *Standards for issuance*. The mayor, or his designee, shall issue a permit as
27 provided for under this section when, from a consideration of the application and from such
28 other information as may otherwise be obtained, he finds that:

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- 30 (1) The conduct of the parade will not substantially interrupt the safe and
31 orderly movement of other traffic contiguous to its route;
 - 32 (2) The conduct of the parade will not require the diversion of so great a
33 number of police officers of this municipality to properly police the line of
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4 movement, and the areas contiguous thereto as to prevent normal police
5 protection to this municipality;

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7 (3) The conduct of such parade will not require the diversion of so great a
8 number of ambulances as to prevent normal ambulance service to
9 portions of this municipality other than that to be occupied by the
10 proposed line of march and areas contiguous thereto;
- 11 (4) The concentration of persons, animals and vehicles at assembly points of
12 the parade will not unduly interfere with proper fire and police protection
13 of, or ambulance service to, areas contiguous to such assembly areas;
- 14 (5) The conduct of such parade will not interfere with the movement of
15 firefighting equipment en route to a fire;
- 16 (6) The conduct of the parade is not reasonably likely to cause injury to
17 persons or property, to provoke disorderly conduct or create disturbance;
- 18 (7) The parade is scheduled to move from its point of origin to its point of
19 termination expeditiously without reasonable delays en route;
- 20 (8) The parade is not to be held for the sole purpose of advertising any
21 product, cause, goods or event and is not designed to be held for a
22 private profit;
- 23 (9) Upon due and diligent consideration of the information obtained, there is
24 insufficient reason to deny issuance of the permit.

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27 (p) *Notice of rejection.* If the mayor, or his designee, disapproves the application,
28 he shall mail to the applicant within ten (10) days after the date upon which the application
29 was filed, a notice of his action.

30 (q) *Alternative permit.* The mayor, or his designee, in denying an application for
31 a parade permit, shall be empowered to authorize the conduct of the parade on a date, at
32 a time, or over a route different from that named by the applicant. An applicant desiring to
33 accept an alternative permit shall, within five days after notice of the action of the mayor, or
34 his designee, file a written notice of acceptance with the mayor, or his designee. An
35 alternative permit shall conform to the requirements of, and shall have the effect of a
36 parade permit under, this section.

37 (r) *Contents of permit.* Each parade permit shall state the following information:
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- 4 (1) Starting time;
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6 (2) Minimum speed;
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8 (3) Maximum speed;
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10 (4) Maximum interval of space to be maintained between the units of the
11 parade;
12 (5) The portions of the streets to be traversed that may be occupied by the
13 parade;
14 (6) The maximum length of the parade in miles or fractions thereof; and
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16 (7) Such other information as the mayor, or his designee, shall find
17 necessary to the enforcement of this section.

18 (s) *Duties of permittee.* A permittee shall comply with all permit directions and
19 conditions and with all applicable laws and ordinances. The parade chairman or other
20 person heading or leading such activity shall carry the parade permit upon his person
21 during the conduct of the parade.

22 (t) *Denial or revocation of permit.* The mayor, or his designee with the
23 concurrence of the mayor, shall have the authority to deny or revoke a parade permit upon
24 given notice in writing to the applicant setting forth the reasons for such denial or
25 revocation.

26 (u) *Animals and reptiles.* The presence of animals and reptiles, other than those
27 on fenced private real property, or those which are actually participating in a parade or
28 other permitted public event, is prohibited within 150 feet of the parade route or the site of
29 the public event.

30 (v) *Illegal objects and substances.*

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32 (1) It shall be unlawful for any spectator or participant to throw, spray or
33 propel, or cause to be thrown, sprayed or propelled, any object or
34 substance at or toward any spectator of a parade while such parade is
35 forming, being held or disbanding.
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4 (2) It shall be unlawful for any street vendor to sell any object or substance
5 during the period for which a temporary vendor's permit is issued
6 pursuant to Section 20-6 of this Code.

7 (3) For purposes of this subsection (t), the following definitions shall apply:
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9 *Any object or substance* means silly string or its equivalent, cracker balls,
10 firecrackers or any pyrotechnic or explosive device, or any object
11 depicting or portraying a human body part.

12 (w) *Participant* means any person, animal, vehicle or float which forms any part
13 of a parade.

14 (x) *Spectator* means any person other than a participant.

15 (y) *Additional regulations.*

16 (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to possess any throw or other object
17 which depicts human genitalia, buttocks, or female breast or breasts
18 during the staging, conducting or disbanding of any parade permitted by
19 the City;

20 (2) All persons shall be fully clothed or costumed and shall remain fully
21 clothed or costumed during the entirety of any parade permitted by the
22 City;

23 (3) No person, while participating in a parade permitted by the City on the
24 parade route, in a parade assembly or staging area, or in a parade
25 disbanding area, shall hand out, throw, or distribute in any manner any
26 condom or prophylactic or any sexually oriented device. Sexually oriented
27 devices shall include but are not limited to blow-up dolls, sexual toys or
28 any paraphernalia that is designed in whole or in part for specific sexual
29 activities;

30 (4) Any person not in compliance with any regulation contained in this section
31 may be removed from the parade by the captain, float lieutenant, parade
32 marshal, or the City police department.

33 (z) *Truck-float* is a normal commercial semi-trailer and/or flat bed, which is
34 decorated and carries costumed and/or masked riders.
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4 (aa) *Truck parade organization* is a corporation, organized under the laws of the
5 state, for the sole purpose of staging a parade, which uses only trucks for its parade.

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7 **Sec. 27-163. Parade routes.**

8 All Mardi Gras Parades shall form at Fritchie Park and disband on Gause
9 Boulevard/Kensington Boulevard or approved surrounding area as mutually agreed upon
10 by krewe and City of Slidell.

11 **Sec. 27-164. Reviewing stands/media outlet.**

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13 (1) As designated by the City of Slidell.

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15 (2) Media scaffolding, platforms or portable elevating devices are allowed,
16 subject to permitting by the city. Permit shall designate location, set up and dismantling
17 scheduling.

18 **Sec. 27-165. Parade participants.**

19 **A. Attire and characterization.**

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21 (1) No participant of one Carnival/Mardi Gras krewe shall parade in another
22 krewe's parade wearing the costumes of the first (or any other) krewe unless it has been
23 otherwise authorized by the parading krewe.

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25 (2) All participants in each parade, whether on floats, truck-floats, horseback,
26 in cars, other types of vehicles, or marching, shall be decently attired and no sexually
27 indecent dress or characterization shall be allowed. Parade organizations or any
28 participant thereof shall be prohibited from conducting themselves in a vulgar or indecent
manner according to all City of Slidell ordinances.

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30 (3) No person shall be allowed to participate in a parade if obviously
intoxicated.

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32 (4) It shall be unlawful for any person to smoke while on a float or truck,
33 before, during, or after the parade or any other time or place deemed unsafe by the City of
34 Slidell, parade organization, fire personnel or duly authorized law enforcement officials.

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36 (5) The carrying of firearms by any parade participant is strictly prohibited.
Duly commissioned law enforcement personnel are exempted.

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4 (6) No music shall be played in any parade that is not acceptable for public
5 airwaves. Music must not have any words that are deemed unacceptable by the Federal
6 Communications Commission.

7 ***B. Throws prohibited.***
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9 (1) It shall be prohibited for any driver of any motor vehicle to toss or hand
10 out throws or trinkets of any kind.

11 (2) No Mardi Gras or St. Patrick Parade participant shall, while participating
12 in a parade on the parade route, in a parade staging area or in a parade disbanding area,
13 throw, distribute, possess or have in his custody or control any of the following:

- 14 a. Throws or trinkets containing sharp edges or points.
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16 b. Throws or trinkets which explode or detonate, regardless of the
17 brand name.
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19 c. "Bomb bag(s)." For the purposes of this section, a "bomb bag,"
20 regardless of its brand name, shall be defined as an item when used
21 makes an explosion.
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23 d. Boxes, including but not limited to, corrugated boxes.
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25 e. "Confetti canisters," regardless of its brand name. For the purposes
26 of this section, "confetti canisters" shall be defined as an item which
27 contains metallic confetti streamers or other metallic string-like
28 substance that is expelled or discharged under pressure into the air.
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30 f. "Laser pointer(s)." For the purposes of this section, a "laser pointer"
31 shall be defined as a device that emits a highly amplified ultraviolet
32 or infrared light.
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34 g. Any life threatening object and noxious substances or liquids.
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36 h. "Silly string" or other item which, when used, emits an adhesive
37 string like or adhesive streamer-like substance that is shot or
38 expelled from a pressurized container.
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i. "Stink bomb(s)" or "stink spray(s)." For the purposes of this section,
a stink bomb" or "stink spray," regardless of its actual brand name,

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4 shall be defined as a device for the purpose of emitting an odorous
5 substance when used.

6 j. It shall be unlawful for any person to propel or cause to be propelled
7 during a parade streamers and the like:
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9 i. The term "streamers and the like" is defined as any flag, banner,
10 pendant or strip of material which is or may be capable of
11 conducting electric current and which is greater than two feet in
12 length;

13 ii. This section shall not apply to beads and other parade throws.
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15 (3) No parade participant shall, while participating in the parade on the
16 parade route, in the parade assembly/staging area, or in the parade disbanding area, hand
17 out, throw or distribute in any way any condom or prophylactic or any sexually oriented
18 device. Sexually-oriented device shall include, but is not limited to, blowup dolls, sexual
19 toys or any paraphernalia that is designed, in whole or part, for specific sexual activities.

20 (4) No parade participant shall, while participating in the parade on the
21 parade route, in the parade assembly/staging area, or in the parade disbanding area, hand
22 out, throw or distribute any alcoholic beverage, including "jello shots."

23 (5) No throws or trinkets of any kind shall be tossed or handed out to the
24 front or rear of a float or truck or other vehicle.

25 (6) No throws or trinkets of any kind shall be tossed or handed out in the
26 assembly or disbanding areas.

27 (7) Discarding of debris, trash and packaging along the route of the parade
28 shall be strictly prohibited.
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30 (8) In addition to the penalties hereinafter set forth, any person violating
31 these provisions may be subject to surrender all throws for the duration of the parade.

32 (9) Riders not in compliance with any of the above may be removed from the
33 parade by the captain, float lieutenant, parade marshal, law enforcement or the City.
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4 **C. *Rider requirements.***

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6 (1) Each individual float rider shall wear a harness device as provided by
7 krewe at all times during the parade, or where required by the krewe.

8 (2) Each float and/or truck-float shall have a designated person positioned on
9 both sides of the float or truck-float. This designated person shall have a sign to alert
10 police and/or fire personnel in the event of an emergency. The sign shall be a minimum
11 10"x10" sign with a white background and red lettering which shall read "EMERGENCY."

12 (3) The permitted parade organization shall maintain the names and
13 positions for all riders on each float or truck-float. The names and positions of the riders
14 shall be made available to the City upon request, and after an incident that is the result of
15 a criminal investigation or a violation of this chapter. Failure to provide the names and
16 positions within seventy-two (72) hours of the request shall result in a violation of this
17 Code. Extension of this seventy-two (72) hour period shall be granted at the discretion of
18 the Mayor or his designee upon the showing of good cause.

19 **D. *Violations and penalties***

20 The penalty for violation of Section 27-165 of the Code of Ordinance shall be
21 Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$ 250.00) for each violation and/or suspension, and/or
22 revocation. The City of Slidell shall provide written notice to the parade or parade
23 organization of the violation(s). Each violation constitutes a separate and distinct violation
24 of this subpart.

25 *Adjudication and appeal.* Should the parade, parade organization or parade
26 participant receive a notice of violation, they shall be entitled to an administrative
27 adjudication of Section 27-165 of the Code of Ordinances.

28 **Sec. 27-166. Parade Permits.**

29 1. *Limited Number of Parades.*

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32 A. The number of Mardi Gras parades per year within the corporate limits of the
33 City shall be limited to not more than four (4) daytime parades, two (2) rolling night
34 parades, one (1) walking night parade, and one (1) walking day parade; St. Patrick's Day
35 is limited to one (1) daytime parade; except as otherwise provided by council resolution.
36 There shall be no parades on Mardi Gras day or night. Organizations having Mardi Gras
37 parades within the City shall be chartered and domiciled within St. Tammany Parish.
38 Parades canceled because of inclement weather or extenuating circumstances may be
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4 rescheduled without regard to the provisions of this section, provided that they are
5 approved by the mayor.

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7 *B. Seniority Rule.* There shall be a limit to the number of float parade organizations
8 given permits to conduct Carnival/Mardi Gras Parades during the official Carnival/Mardi
9 Gras Parade Season for each year. The ability to receive a permit is subject to the "Rule of
10 Seniority" defined as length of time parading in Slidell and is expressly limited to the
11 Carnival/Mardi Gras Float Parades listed herein below, subject to change as expressly
12 provided for in this section:

13 Carnival/Mardi Gras Float Parades:

- 14 1. Krewe of Claude
- 15 2. Krewe of Perseus
- 16 3. Krewe of Slidellians
- 17 4. Krewe of Mona Lisa Moonpie
- 18 5. Krewe of de Paws
- 19 6. Krewe of Dionysus
- 20 7. Krewe of Selene
- 21 8. Krewe of Titans

22 C. Should any of the above eight (8) parade organizations fail to:

- 23 1. Timely apply for a permit for any Carnival/Mardi Gras Parade Season, or
- 24 2. Parade in any Carnival/Mardi Gras Parade Season for any reason, including
25 revocation of their permit, and other than for reasons beyond their control, then their ability
26 to receive a permit will be eliminated.

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28 D. The Rule of Seniority shall prevail concerning any decisions made pertaining to
29 any situations that might occur among the krewes.

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31 E. In no event shall the number of Slidell Carnival/Mardi Gras Float Parades
32 exceed eight (8). If the number of Slidell Carnival/Mardi Gras Float Parades decreases to
33 below eight (8), then a new float parade organization(s) may apply for a permit(s) with the
34 City. The first float parade organization(s) to request a permit, once an opening becomes
35 available, and satisfies all requirements for a Carnival/Mardi Gras Parade, shall receive the
36 available permit(s).

37 2. *Chartered By The Office of Louisiana Secretary of State.* Each float parade and
38 truck parade organization seeking a permit to parade shall have been duly chartered by
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4 the Office of Louisiana Secretary of State for at least twelve (12) months prior to making
5 application to the City of Slidell.

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7 3. *Alternate Date.* No Carnival/Mardi Gras Parade shall be staged other than on a
8 Carnival/Mardi Gras event day as defined unless an alternate date has been approved by
9 the Mayor as an alternate date. The permit issued by the City to a float parade
10 organization to parade on the same event day that another float parade organization is
permitted to parade shall designate the order in which the parades are to be conducted.

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12 4. By resolution, the council is authorized to delete and/or substitute the name of
13 those organizations authorized to parade during the Carnival/Mardi Gras Parade Season
pursuant to Sec. 27-166(B) above.

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15 5. *Permit required.*

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17 A. No person shall engage in, participate in, aid, form or start any parade, unless a
18 parade permit shall have been obtained from the mayor, or his designee.

19 Exception. This section shall not apply to:

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21 (1) Funeral processions;

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23 (2) Students going to and from school classes and participating in educational
24 activities, provided that such conduct is under the immediate direction and
supervision of the proper school authorities;

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26 (3) A governmental agency acting within the scope of its functions.

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28 B. *Annual Permit Required.* Each float parade and truck parade shall be required
29 annually to obtain the proper permit from the City of Slidell. Application for intent
to parade shall be received by the City each year preceding the annual parade.

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31 C. *Timely Submission.* Upon full compliance with the provisions of this Article, the
32 timely submission of the parade application, and the documentation regarding
33 financial agreements, the City will issue a parade permit to the applicant. Any
34 such permit, however, is subject to revocation should the City discover any
35 violations by the applicant of the provisions of this Chapter prior to the start of
the parade.

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4 D. *Permit Application.*

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- 6 (1) A person seeking issuance of a parade permit shall file an application with
7 the Chief of Staff's Office, on forms provided by such officer.
- 8 (2) *Filing period.* An application for a parade permit shall be filed with the Chief
9 of Staff's Office, not less than 14 days nor more than 60 days before the
10 date on which it is proposed to conduct the parade.
- 11 (3) *Parade permit fee.* All parade permit fees are due not less than thirty (30)
12 days prior to the date on which it is proposed to conduct the parade.
- 13 (4) *Contents.* The application for a parade permit shall set forth the following
14 information:
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- 16 a. The name, address and telephone number of the person seeking to
17 conduct such parade;
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- 19 b. If the parade is proposed to be conducted for, on behalf of, or by an
20 organization, the name, address and telephone number of the
21 headquarters of the organization, and of the authorized and responsible
22 heads of such organization;
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- 24 c. The name, address and telephone number of the person who will be the
25 parade chairman and who will be responsible for its conduct;
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- 27 d. The date when the parade is to be conducted;
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- 29 e. The route as set forth in Sec. 27-163 herein;
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- 31 f. The approximate number of persons, who, and animals and vehicles
32 which, will constitute such parade; the type of animals, and description
33 of the vehicles;
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- 35 g. The hours when such parade will start and terminate;
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- 37 h. A statement as to whether the parade will occupy all or only a portion of
38 the width of the streets proposed to be traversed;
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- 4 j. The time at which the units of the parade will begin to assemble at any
5 such assembly area;
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7 k. The interval of space to be maintained between units of such parade;
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9 l. If the parade is designed to be held by, and on behalf of or for, any
10 person other than the applicant, the applicant for such permit shall file
11 with the mayor, or his designee, a communication in writing from the
12 person proposing to hold the parade, authorizing the applicant to apply
13 for the permit on his behalf;
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15 m. Any additional information which the mayor, or his designee, shall find
16 reasonably necessary to a fair determination as to whether a permit
17 should issue;
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19 n. Mardi Gras krewes shall provide proof of insurance as set forth in Sec.
20 27-168 herein.

21 (5) *Late applications.* The mayor, or his designee, where good cause is shown
22 therefore, shall have the authority to consider any application under this
23 section which is filed less than 14 days before the date such parade is
24 proposed to be conducted.

25 (6) Permits for present and subsequent years shall be for the same position
26 (as referenced in Sec. 27-166(B) above, route and time in the carnival
27 parade season, except:

- 28 a. As modified by the application of the provisions for, Violations and
29 Penalties; and
30 b. Those positions, routes, dates and times that may be authorized by the
31 Mayor or his designee in conjunction with the Chief of the Slidell Police
32 Department.

33 (7) If a permit is canceled for just cause, or if the holder of a permit does not
34 parade in any year, except when a parade is canceled for reasons beyond
35 the control of the permit holder, said permit may be canceled for that year
36 and all subsequent years. Such vacancy in date and time may be filled by
37 an organization already licensed under the provisions of this chapter which
38 may desire to transfer to such open date and time, the rule of Parade
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4 "Seniority," as set out in Sec. 27-168 (B) above, prevailing with approval of
5 the City.

6 **Sec. 27-167. Parade Fees.**

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8 (1) Walking Parade: \$500.00
9 (2) Day Parade: \$2,000.00
10 (3) Night Parade: \$4,000.00
11 (4) St. Patrick's Day Parade: \$1,200.00

12 **Sec. 27-168. Parade regulations.**

13 **A. Assembly and disbanding.**

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15 (1) Each participant shall report to the designated assembly area at least one
16 (1) hour prior to the scheduled start of the parade.

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18 (2) Entry by any participant, group or vehicle into the parade shall be permitted
19 only at the designated assembly area, except in an emergency or when duly authorized by
20 the captain, the parade marshal, Police or the City.

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22 (3) Exit by any participant, group or vehicle from the parade shall be permitted
23 only at the designated disbanding area, except in an emergency or when duly authorized
24 by the captain, the parade marshal, Police or the City.

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26 (4) Each horse group shall be responsible for the removal of all droppings in
27 the assembly and disbanding areas as well as the entire parade route. Failure to do so
28 shall result in violation of this Code.

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30 (5) The starting times of scheduled parades, the assembly and disbanding
31 locations shall be determined by the City in conjunction with the Police Department, with
32 timely notification to parading organizations.

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34 (6) Glass is prohibited in assembly or disbanding areas.

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36 (7) Discarding of debris, trash, and packaging on the parade route or in the
37 disbanding areas is prohibited.

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39 (8) No vehicles shall be permitted to enter into or stay in the assembly area
within one (1) hour prior to the start of a parade, unless said vehicle(s) is authorized to be
in the parade.

4 ***B. Auxiliary vehicles.***

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6 (1) Each band, marching club and any other marching group in each parade
7 shall be allowed no more than one (1) motor vehicle to follow directly behind the group in
8 the parade. Said auxiliary vehicle shall bear the name of the group on both sides of the
9 vehicle as identification.

10 (2) A maximum of three (3) news media vehicles (as chosen by parade
11 captain) are allowed in a parade. News media vehicles shall be broadcasting/reporting the
12 parade progress.

13 (3) Generators shall be utilized in conformance with the prevailing fire
14 department requirements.

15 (4) Each auxiliary vehicle with a generator shall have at least one (1) ten-
16 pound or two (2) five-pound Underwriters listed ABC fire extinguisher(s) readily accessible.
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18 (5) Any devices producing theatrical smoke, fog or other haze-like effects shall
19 not be used without prior approval from the City.

20 ***C. Bands.***

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22 (1) Each band or marching unit that contains at least one (1) person under the
23 age of seventeen (17) shall provide a minimum of one (1) adult chaperon per every fifteen
24 (15) participants, regardless of age. Each band chaperon shall be at least twenty-one (21)
25 years old.

26 ***D. Drivers.***

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28 (1) All drivers shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age and have a valid
29 driver's license. All drivers of pull vehicles must have sufficient training from the tractor or
30 float provider prior to the parade. Drivers shall not throw or toss any favors from vehicles
31 during the parade. Drivers are prohibited from consuming alcoholic beverages twelve (12)
32 hours prior to or during the parade. Drivers are not allowed to drink alcoholic beverages
33 during the parade and shall not operate a tractor or any other motorized vehicle while
under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

34 ***E. Floats.***

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36 (1) Float sizes shall be as follows:
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4 a. A regular krewe float shall be no more than ninety (90') feet long, no
5 more than twelve (12') feet wide and no more than seventeen (17')
6 feet six (6") inches in height from the street level.

7 b. Each pull vehicle pulling a float shall store, and have readily
8 accessible to the driver, at least one (1) ten-pound or two (2) five-
9 pound Underwriters listed ABC fire extinguishers. Drivers shall be
10 familiar with and able to properly operate the fire extinguisher.

11 (2) Each float shall have stairs or another similar type of construction for
12 entering or exiting the float such as a ladder.

13 (3) Each float shall have a three-eighth-inch safety chain, connected by a
14 weld or appropriate size shackle, and placed between the float and the pull vehicle. Said
15 shackle must be attached to the structure of the pulled vehicle.

16 (4) Each float shall contain a sanitary facility sufficient to accommodate the
17 number of riders.

18 (5) Each float in a night parade shall be illuminated.

19 (6) All decorations and attachments on each float shall be securely fastened,
20 with no sharp, pointed, or cornered objects on the exterior.

21 (7) Floats may be pulled by a tractor and/or similar vehicle providing the
22 driver with a clear and unobstructed 360 degree view. The operator shall have visible
23 access to the front and sides of the vehicle in his control.

24 (8) Interior height shall be forty (40") inches from deck of float to the top of
25 railing or safety harnesses shall be provided. Children less than twelve (12) years of age
26 **shall** utilize safety harnesses.

27 (9) All floats shall have bead racks or hook devices for beads. Hammering of
28 nails on floats in the assembly area is strictly prohibited. Persons and/or floats in violation
29 of this provision are subject to be removed from parade.

30 (10) All tires on floats and vehicle pulling floats shall be in good condition.

31 (11) A "no smoking" sign shall be securely attached to the interior exit door(s)
32 and the interior of the restroom door. Said sign shall be plainly visible to all occupants of a
33 float, mini float or tandem float.

4 (12) Any devices producing theatrical smoke, fog or other haze-like effects
5 shall not be used without prior approval from the City.

6 (13) At all times, all exits must be clear for entering or exiting the float.
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8 (14) No float rider shall sit on the ledge and/or railing of a float. No float rider
9 shall stand on anything other than the float deck/floor. If the float rider's height requires
10 standing on an object other than the deck/floor of the float to adequately participate in the
11 parade, the object shall be secure and the rider shall be harnessed to the float.

12 ***F. Generators.***

13 (1) All generators that are used in conjunction with a parade shall comply
14 with the following requirements:
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- 16 (a) There shall be no fueling or refueling of generators on the parade route;
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18 (b) The only refueling (gas or diesel) cans permitted in the assembly area will
19 be OSHA-approved cans;
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21 (c) If generators are attached to the external frame work of the float, truck-
22 float, truck or auxiliary vehicle, the generator shall:
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24 i. be securely mounted;
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26 ii. have open clearance on three (3) sides and the area over the
27 generator shall be open;
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29 iii. have an air space of no less than six (6") inches between the
30 generator and any combustible material of the float, truck-float, truck,
31 or auxiliary vehicle; and
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33 iv. have a fire resistant barrier between the generator and any
34 combustible material of the float, truck-float, truck, or auxiliary vehicle,
35 which extends at least twelve (12") inches beyond any structural or
36 mechanical parts of the generator.

37 (d) Generators shall be equipped with spark-arresting muffler;
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- 4 (e) Fuel tanks for generators, other than original factory installed tanks, shall
5 have factory-approved fuel tanks and not have more than a five-gallon
6 capacity;
- 7 (f) Generators which are towed behind a float, truck-float, truck, or auxiliary
8 vehicle shall have at least two (2) five-pound ABC extinguishers
9 accessible during any period of operation;
- 10 (g) Floats, truck-floats, trucks, or auxiliary vehicles using generators are
11 required to either locate generators on tow vehicle or to tow generators
12 behind a float, truck-float, truck, or auxiliary vehicle;
- 13 (h) No person shall be present in the cargo bed of a pickup truck while a
14 generator is in operation.
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16 **G. *Horses and mules.***

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- 18 (1) There shall be a maximum of eight (8) horse riding clubs/groups in each
19 parade including mounted law enforcement organizations or group affiliated thereto.
- 20 (2) Adequate spacing shall be maintained between horses during the parade.
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- 22 (3) For safety purposes, horse heads shall be faced to the crowd when the parade
23 is stopped.
- 24 (4) Saddles and bridles are required for all riders. Tack shall be in good condition
25 allowing the rider to maintain control of the horse.
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- 27 (5) Riders are forbidden to move out of line formation for other than emergency
28 conditions and riders are not to dismount or tie unattended horses along the parade route.
- 29 (6) Each horse riding group and vehicle being pulled by mules or horses is
30 required to provide, at its own expense, at least one (1) person at the rear of the riding
31 group with a barrel type container to pick up all droppings.
- 32 (7) Horse riding groups shall assemble in the street or designated City property at
33 the direction of the parade marshal.
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- 35 (8) No horse bearing a rider will be permitted to participate in a parade unless it is
36 wearing appropriate, properly fitted and well-maintained horseshoes.
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4 (9) An owner will be prohibited from using his horse/animal in a parade if a City of
5 Slidell Animal Control Officer, Slidell Police Officer or St. Tammany Parish Humane Officer
6 determines that the animal is unfit by reason of physical condition or temperament for its
7 intended purpose in the parade. Access shall not be denied to a City of Slidell Animal
8 Control Officer, Slidell Police Officer or St. Tammany Parish Humane Officers immediately
9 prior to or any time during a parade for inspection purposes.

10 (10) All horse and mule riders are prohibited from consuming alcoholic beverages
11 twelve (12) hours prior to or during the parade or while under the influence of drugs.

12 (11) All owners and riders of each horse/animal participating in a parade must meet
13 the insurance requirements set out in Sec. 27-168 herein below.

14 **H. Krewe safety requirements.**

15 (1) If at any time during the parade, the fire department, police department, or City
16 determine that the physical or safety requirements of this chapter are not being observed,
17 the particular float, truck-float, piece of equipment, other apparatus, group(s) or
18 individual(s), may be removed from the parade.
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20 (2) Krewe hereby acknowledges that the term "inspection" used herein DOES
21 NOT shift the Krewe's responsibility to ensure the physical, mechanical and/or safety
22 condition of each and every float as set out herein to the City.

23 **I. Violations and penalties.**

24 The penalty for violation of Section 27-167 of the Code of Ordinance shall be Two
25 Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$ 250.00) for each violation and/or suspension, and/or revocation.
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27 The City of Slidell shall provide written notice to the parade or parade organization of the
28 violation(s). Each violation constitutes a separate and distinct violation of this subpart.
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31 *Adjudication and appeal.* Should the parade, parade organization or parade
32 participant receive a notice of violation, they shall be entitled to an administrative
33 adjudication of Section 27-167 of the Code of Ordinances.
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4 **Sec. 27-169. Insurance.**

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6 (1) Each parade organization, float or truck float, shall carry a minimum limit of
7 liability insurance of one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence, combined single
8 limit bodily injury and property damage with a three million dollar (\$3,000,000.00)
9 aggregate. The City of Slidell shall be named as an additional insured to the liability policy
10 issued to each float or truck parade organization. A parade permit shall not be issued
11 without receipt from the insurer or its agent of record of a bona fide certificate of insurance,
12 which identifies the City of Slidell as an additional insured. As an additional insured, the
13 City of Slidell shall be afforded coverage to the same extent as the named insured.

14 (2) Insurance company shall have an "A" or "B" rating and be authorized to do
15 business in the State of Louisiana.

16 (3) Each parade organization agrees to hold harmless and to indemnify the City of
17 Slidell, its departments and employees for any and all damages to property and/or
18 personal injury that results in a loss to the City and/or its departments that may occur as a
19 result of the sole or concurrent negligence or sole or concurrent fault on the part of the
20 parading organization.

21 (4) Each vehicle in a parade shall be properly insured.

22 (5) A certificate of insurance must be submitted to the Chief Administrative Office
23 no later than thirty (30) days prior to the parade date.

24 **Sec. 27-170. Marching clubs.**

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26 Each marching club shall be permitted to march on foot in front of or behind
27 any float or truck parade along the designated parade route, provided they have the
28 consent of the parading krewe captain.

29 **Sec. 27-171. Parade breakdowns.**

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31 (1) Procedure for mechanical and/or other breakdowns during parade:

32 (a) Property truck personnel shall determine the amount of downtime for
33 repair;

34 (b) If time estimate is in excess of twenty (20) minutes, the parade shall be
35 rerouted around the delay location;
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4 (c) If repair is completed prior to the last unit passing the delay location, the
5 impacted unit shall be permitted to re-enter the parade;

6 (d) Units that cannot be repaired prior to the last unit passing the location
7 shall not be allowed to continue in the parade and shall be moved under
8 the direction of Police Department and/or the City.

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10 (2) Carnival/Mardi Gras Parades shall have least one (1) properly equipped and
11 manned property truck in each parade.

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13 **Sec. 27-171. Parade line up.**

14 A tentative parade line-up showing the position of each float, band, marching
15 group and all other components of the parade shall be submitted to the Slidell Police Chief,
16 or his designee four (4) hours prior to the scheduled start time of the parade at the
17 assembly area.
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21 **Sec. 27-172. Parade marshals.**

22 The function of a marshal of a Mardi Gras parading organization shall
23 encompass but shall not be limited to the following:
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25 (1) Be in possession of a final printed line-up of the parade;

26 (2) Supply a quantity of marshal aides, clearly identified, necessary for the orderly
27 preparation of the parade in the assembly area;

28 (3) Know how many stops the parade is authorized to make, where and for what
29 reason;

30 (4) Be authorized to remove participants from the parade that are not authorized
31 by the captain or are in violation of any of these articles;

32 (5) Be instrumental in the orderly disbandment of the parade with the cooperation
33 of the Slidell Police Department;
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4 (6) Report to the assembly area at least two (2) hours prior to the start of the
5 parade.

6 **Sec. 27-173. Rescheduling of rained out parades.**
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8 If a parade is canceled because of inclement weather, it may be rescheduled
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10 by the City of Slidell. Cancellation of a parade must be within twenty-four (24) hours prior
11 to starting time for refund.
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13 **Sec. 27-174. Sponsors.**
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15 Any individual, organization or social entity desirous of sponsoring a parade
16 or any unit within the parade shall conform to the following:

17 (a) Parade sponsors may display logos, signs, posters or placards.
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19 **Sec. 27-175. Time Limit.**
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21 The last unit of carnival parades shall be in the disbanding areas within four
22 (4) hours of the starting time, barring an unforeseen or disruptive incident as required by
23 permit conditions outlined in Sec. 27-162 (p).
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25 **Sec. 27-176. Truck-floats.**
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27 (1) Each truck in a truck parade shall be no more than sixty (60') feet in length,
28 including the truck cab, no more than ten (10') feet in overall width, including all
29 decorations, and no more than fifteen (15') feet six (6") inches in height from the street
30 level.

31 (2) There shall be no more than two (2) truck parades during the carnival parade
32 season.

33 (3) The combined number of trucks in the truck parade shall not exceed a total of
34 fifty (50).
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4 (4) Cabs pulling trucks during a truck parade shall have no more than three (3)
5 people including the driver in the driver compartment. Any truck in violation of the provision
6 shall be removed from the parade.

7 (5) Riders on trucks are forbidden to toss or hand out throws from the truck
8 before or after the parade.

9 (6) Truck parade participants shall not be permitted to ride unless they are in
10 costume.

11 (7) All decorations on each truck shall be securely fastened, with no sharp,
12 pointed or cornered objects on the exterior.

13 (8) Each truck shall be equipped with such safety equipment as required by law,
14 including, but not limited to, fire extinguishers.

15 (9) Each truck and cab pulling a truck shall have at least one (1) ten-pound or two
16 (2) five-pound Underwriters listed ABC fire extinguisher(s) readily accessible.

17 (10) Generators shall be utilized in conformance with Sec.27-167 F hereinabove.

18 (11) Each truck-float shall have bead racks or hook devices. The use of nails to
19 hang beads is prohibited. Hammering of nails on truck-floats in the assembly/staging area
20 is strictly prohibited. Persons and/or floats in violation of this provision are subject to be
21 removed from parade.

22 (12) No protruding nails shall be allowed on truck floats.

23 (13) All taillights shall be visible on each trailer.

24 (14) All tires on truck-floats shall be in good condition.

25 (15) A "no smoking" sign shall be securely attached to the interior exit door(s) and
26 the interior restroom door. Said sign shall be plainly visible to all occupants of the truck-
27 float.

28 (16) At all times, all exits must be clear for entering or exiting the truck-float.

29 (17) No truck-float rider shall sit on the ledge and/or railing of a truck float. No
30 truck-float riders shall stand on anything other than the truck float deck/floor. If the rider's
31 height requires standing on an object other than the deck/floor of the truck-float to
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4 adequately participate in the parade, the object shall be secure and the rider shall be
5 harnessed to the truck-float as required by krewe.

6 **Sec. 27-177. Public safety.**

7 **A. Enforcement.**

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10 (1) The City of Slidell and the St. Tammany Parish Fire District 1 shall have the
11 authority to issue citations for the violation of any of the provisions of this chapter.

12 (2) The Slidell Police Department, and the City of Slidell shall be authorized to
13 remove any person, float, or vehicle of any sort from a parade if the person, float, truck-
14 float, or vehicle is in violation of the provisions of this chapter.

15 (3) The penalty for violation of any part of this ordinance, unless otherwise stated
16 herein shall be a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisonment for
17 a term not exceeding six (6) months or both such fine and imprisonment, within the
18 discretion of the court, in accordance with Chapter 11, Sec. 4 of the City of Slidell Code of
19 Ordinances.

20 **B. Following parade floats, bands.**

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22 Individuals are hereby prohibited from following parade floats and bands
23 without authorization.

24 **C. Impeding or delaying the progress of a parade.**

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26 Participants in a parade shall not in any manner impede or delay the progress
27 of a parade.

28 **D. Unauthorized persons or vehicles.**

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30 (1) Any person, group or vehicle participating in a parade without proper
31 authorization from the parading organization or who in any manner interferes with the
32 orderly conduct of the parade shall be subject to immediate arrest. Any vehicle or animal
33 accompanying that person may be seized and impounded by the proper law enforcement
34 authorities.

35 (2) All permitted vehicles shall display a participation card duly authorized by the
36 captain of the krewe.
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4 (3) The unofficial presence of elevating-type vehicles, such as "cherry pickers"
5 along the parade route is prohibited.

6 (4) Ladders, scaffolding or any type of platform or portable elevating devices are
7 prohibited on the street of any parade route between the curbs or lateral curb lines. Such
8 devices shall also be prohibited between the curbs or lateral curb lines of any street
9 intersecting the parade route. "Media" as defined in Section 27-162 are exempt, subject to
10 compliance with Section 27-164.

11 (5) Ladders shall be placed as many feet back from the curb or lateral curb line
12 as the ladder is high.

13 (6) Fastening two (2) or more ladders together is prohibited.

14 (7) During the official Carnival/Mardi Gras/St. Patrick's Parade season as
15 described herein, it shall be unlawful for any person in charge of a vehicle, horse or
16 vending contrivance to personally park, stop, loiter or stand in such a manner as to
17 obstruct, impede, or inhibit the passage of any parade, or to obstruct impede or inhibit the
18 passage of traffic on any intersecting or adjacent street to the parade route.
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20 (8) It shall be unlawful for any person, at any time, to place or cause to be
21 placed any type of obstruction, including but not limited to ropes, tents, scaffolds, or
22 barricades or vehicles, which may act as an impediment to vehicular or pedestrian traffic
23 on any right-of-way along a parade route. Any vehicle obstructing a right-of-way in
24 contravention of this section may be towed by the City of Slidell, Slidell Police Department
25 or any other authorized law enforcement agency. For the purpose of this section, the right-
26 of-way is that portion of ground dedicated for public use as a street, median or other use,
27 and shall include that portion of ground between the paved portion of the dedicated street
28 and the property line of the adjacent landowner. The provisions of this section shall not
29 apply to the usage of right-of-way by law enforcement, medical or safety personnel or to
any usage in compliance with applicable City ordinances.

30 (9) Parking shall be prohibited along any parade route twelve (12) hours before
31 and twelve (12) hours after any parade within the first fifteen (15') feet of the curb or as
32 posted.

33 (10) It shall be unlawful for any person to throw or spray any object at or toward
34 any participant, vehicle or animal in a parade.

35 (11) It shall be unlawful for any person to carry, or possess a glass container of
36 any type within fifty (50') feet from any parade route during the following time periods:
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- 4 (a) one (1) hour prior to the scheduled starting time of the parade; during
5 and until one (1) hour after the completion of the parade and all of Mardi
6 Gras; and
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8 (b) The only exempt area shall be the toasting stand under supervision.

9 (12) In addition to any other penalties specified in this section, any glass container
10 within fifty (50') feet of any parade route during the prohibited times may be deemed
11 contraband and may subject the offender to immediate seizure of such container by any
12 authorized law enforcement officer.

13 (13) The presence of animals, reptiles, rodents, marine life, fowls or other
14 animals, dead or alive, is prohibited within fifty (50') feet of the official parade route. This
15 prohibition shall not include service animals. Prohibition shall also not include horses,
16 mules and leashed dogs which are actually participating in the parade except when a
17 residence is located within 50' of a parade route.

18 (14) Parade viewers are required to obey those restrictions placed on them by the
19 presence of barricades positioned by the Slidell Police Department or authorized
20 employees of the City. Any authorized Slidell Police officer or parade official is hereby
21 recognized as the enforcer for this section.

22 ***E. Prohibitions***

23 (1) The constant forward movement of the parade shall not be interrupted
24 without the consent of the City.

25 (2) It shall be unlawful for any person to have "silly string" in their possession.
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27 (3) It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to ride on or use skates,
28 skateboards, roller blades, bicycles, unicycles, or any other type of cycles within fifty (50')
29 feet of any parade route excluding Slidell Police Department and authorized parade
30 maskers.

31 (4) It shall be unlawful for any person to have "stink bomb" or "stink spray" in
32 their possession within fifty (50') feet of any parade route one (1) hour prior to starting time;
33 during and one (1) hour after completion of parade and including all of Mardi Gras.

34 (5) It shall be unlawful for any person to have a "bomb bag" in their possession
35 within fifty (50') feet of any parade route one (1) hour prior to starting time, during the
36 parade or one (1) hour after completion of parade or at any time on Mardi Gras.
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4 (6) It shall be unlawful for any person to have a "laser pointer" in their
5 possession within fifty (50') feet of any parade route one (1) hour prior to starting time,
6 during the parade or one (1) hour after completion of parade or at any time on Mardi Gras.

7 (7) It shall be unlawful for any person, either viewing or participating in a parade,
8 to have "confetti canisters" in their possession within two hundred (200') feet of any parade
9 route one (1) hour prior to starting time; during and one (1) hour after completion of parade
10 and including all Mardi Gras; for the purposes of this section, a "confetti canister,
11 "regardless of its brand name, shall be defined as an item which contains metallic confetti
12 streamers or other metallic string-like substance that is expelled or discharged under
13 pressure into the air. It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge a "confetti canister,"
14 or otherwise throw or disburse any metallic confetti streamers or metallic confetti strands
15 within two hundred (200') feet of any electrical distribution or transmission line. It shall be
16 unlawful for any person to use a "confetti canister" to expel or discharge any cups, beads
17 or other projectiles into the air or to use any device which discharges cups, beads or other
18 projectiles into the air with excessive force.

19 (8) It shall be unlawful for any person to use any flare, engine, machine,
20 instrument or device to produce a flame or to produce visible combustion, or to use or
21 possess any incendiary or pyrotechnical instrument or device within two hundred (200')
22 feet of any parade route during the period beginning one (1) hour prior to the starting time
23 of the parade and ending one (1) hour after completion of the parade. This prohibition shall
24 be applicable to persons viewing any parade; but shall not be applicable to the use by
25 persons along the parade route, but not participating in the parade, of matches or lighters
26 for the purpose of lighting cigarettes or other smoking materials which are not otherwise
27 prohibited.

28 ***E. Violations and penalties***

29 The penalty for violation of any part of this ordinance, unless otherwise stated
30 herein, shall be a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisonment for
31 a term not exceeding six (6) months or both such fine and imprisonment, within the
32 discretion of the court, in accordance with Chapter 11, Sec. 4 of the City of Slidell Code of
33 Ordinances.
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35 ***Sec. 27-178. Vendors during carnival parade season.***
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4 **A. *Definitions***

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6 (1) *Permanent Structure Vendor* means an existing business possessing current
7 occupational license.

8 (2) *Stationary Vendor* meaning other than permanent or buggy.

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10 (3) *Mobile Vendors* or otherwise stated as buggy.

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12 **B. *Alcohol permits***

13 Any permanent structure vendor selling alcohol outside of the four walls of his
14 or her business, or any stationary vendor desiring to sell alcohol, must obtain a special
15 event permit from both the City and The Louisiana Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control
16 and may begin the sale of alcohol one hour before parade start time and must end sale of
17 alcohol from said structure one hour after the parade passes.

18 **C. *Posting of permit.***

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20 (1) Permit must be obtained from the Office of Finance.

21 (2) All permits must be posted in plain view for all permanent structure vendor(s),
22 stationary vendor(s) and/or mobile buggy(s).

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24 **D. *No alcohol consumption.***

25 No person pushing a buggy during any parade shall consume any alcohol on
26 or within two hundred (200') feet of the parade route.

27 **E. *Prohibitions.***

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29 (1) Mobile vendors may not enter the roadway of the parade route until the
30 roadway has been closed by the Slidell Police Department. No buggy may be present on
31 roadway after the parade disbands and is open for regular traffic use.

32 (2) Vendors must be at least three hundred (300') feet in front of the parade at all
33 times.

34 (3) No mobile vendor is permitted to sell alcohol at any time.

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36 (4) Vendors are prohibited from selling "silly string(s)". For the purposes of this
37 section, "silly string(s)," regardless of its brand name, shall be defined as an item when
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4 used emits a string-like or streamer-like substance that is shot or expelled from a
5 pressurized container.

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7 (5) Vendors are prohibited from selling "stink bomb(s)" or "stink spray(s)". For the
8 purposes of this section, a "stink bomb" or "stink spray," regardless of its actual brand
9 name, shall be defined as a device for the purpose of emitting an odorous substance when
10 used.

11 (6) Vendors are prohibited from selling "bomb bag(s)". For the purposes of this
12 section, a "bomb bag," regardless of its brand name, shall be defined as an item when
13 used makes an explosion.

14 (7) Vendors are prohibited from selling "laser pointer(s)". For the purposes of this
15 section, a "laser pointer" is a device that emits a highly amplified ultraviolet or infrared light.

16 (8) Vendors are prohibited from selling "confetti canisters" or metallic confetti
17 streamers or strands. For the purposes of this section, a "confetti canister," regardless of
18 its brand name, shall be defined as an item which contains metallic confetti streamers or
19 other metallic string-like substance that is expelled or discharged under pressure into the
20 air.

21 (9) Vendors are prohibited from selling any toy, look-alike or imitation firearm,
22 unless said toy or imitation firearm complies with 15 U.S.C.A. Section 5001(1) and has as
23 an integral part, permanently affixed, a blaze orange plug inserted into the barrel of such
24 toy, look-alike or imitation firearm. Such plug shall be recessed no more than six (6)
25 millimeters from the muzzle end of the barrel of such firearm. For the purposes of this
26 section a "imitation firearm" regardless of its brand name shall mean any imitation of any
27 original firearm which was manufactured, designed, and produced since 1898, including
28 and limited to toy guns, water guns, replica non-guns, and air-soft guns firing nonmetallic
29 projectiles. Any law enforcement authority is authorized to immediately seize and
30 confiscate any toy, look-alike, or imitation firearm that does not conform to the provisions
31 of this section.

32 (10) Vendors are not allowed to have outdoor music (live or amplified) or have
33 outdoor entertainment.

34 (11) Vendors are prohibited from using generators.

35 (12) Vendors are allowed to operate only up to one (1) hour after the parade
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4 **F. Vendor Fees.**

5	(1) Permanent Structure(s):	Seasonal Fee	\$200.00
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7	(2) Stationary Structure(s):	Per Parade Fee	\$100.00
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9	(3) Mobile:	Seasonal Fee	\$400.00
10		(For up to 15 Buggies)	
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12		Seasonal Fee	\$600.00
13		(For up to 16 Buggies or More)	
14	(4) Non-Profit Organizations	Seasonal Fee	\$100.00

15 Vendor fee is for the sale of food, non-alcoholic beverages and/or trinkets and
16 applies to all vendors.

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18 **B. Violations and penalties.**

19 The penalty for violation of any part of this ordinance, unless otherwise stated
20 herein, shall be a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisonment for
21 a term not exceeding six (6) months or both such fine and imprisonment, within the
22 discretion of the court, in accordance with Chapter 11, Sec. 4 of the City of Slidell Code of
23 Ordinances.
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27 **Sec. 27-180. Violations and penalties.**

28 The City of Slidell is authorized to and shall revoke a permit of any parade or
29 parade organization if, subsequent to the adoption of this ordinance:
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32 (1) A parade organization, or any other parade, has made a material
33 misrepresentation regarding the nature or scope of an event or activity previously
34 permitted or has violated the terms of previous permits; or

35 (2) The applicant has not paid any applicable fee or fine or failed to comply with
36 the requirement of "Insurance;" or
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4 (3) The applicant is legally incompetent to contract or to sue or be sued; or

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6 (4) The person or entity on whose behalf the permit application was made has,
7 on any prior occasion, damaged public property on or adjacent to the right-of-way and has
8 not paid in full for said damage or has otherwise outstanding and unpaid debts to the City;
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10 (5) The float parade organization has previously been in violation of any prior
11 carnival/Mardi Gras parade season; or

12 (6) The float or truck parade organization has committed a violation in the
13 carnival/Mardi Gras parade season after it has come off of suspension; or

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15 (7) The float or truck parade organization receives two suspensions within a five
16 year period; or

17 (8) The float or truck parade organization violates the provisions of the section
18 entitled "floats"; or

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20 (9) The float parade organization parades with more than the number of horse
21 groups as set forth in section entitled "horses and mules;" or

22 (10) The float or truck parade organization violates any subparagraph of the
23 section entitled "truck floats;" or

24 (11) The parade organization fails to provide the City with the names and
25 positions of the riders as required.

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27 If the violation is not corrected the following year, the float or truck parade
28 organization will have its permit suspended for one (1) year. A suspension of a float or
29 truck parade organization's permit will not eliminate the float or truck parade organization's
30 right to apply for a permit to parade in the Carnival/Mardi Gras Parade Season in the year
31 following its suspension. Rather, a suspension will be considered as not parading for
32 reasons beyond the float or truck parade organization's control for the purposes of the
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4 section entitled "*Number of Permits.*" Should a float or truck parade organization not re-
5 apply in the year following its suspension, the provisions of section shall apply.
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7 The penalty for violation of Section 27-180 of the Code of Ordinance shall be
8 Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$ 250.00) for each violation and/or suspension, and/or
9 revocation. The Chief Administrative Officer shall provide written notice to the parade or
10 parade organization of the violation(s). Each violation constitutes a separate and distinct
11 violation of this subpart.
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14 *Adjudication and appeal.* Should the parade, parade organization or parade
15 participant receive a notice of violation, they shall be entitled to an administrative
16 adjudication of Section 27-180 of the Code of Ordinances.
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20 **Sec. 27-181. Contraband.**
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22 (1) Contraband is defined to mean any item or trinket sold from concession
23 stands or sold by vendors which are prohibited by this chapter.
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25 (2) The Slidell Police Department, and the City of Slidell are authorized to
26 confiscate contraband. Said contraband shall be preserved by the City of Slidell for a
27 maximum of thirty (30) days following the conclusion of the Mardi Gras Parade Season or
28 thirty (30) days following the conclusion of any other parade authorized by this chapter.

29 (3) During the applicable thirty (30) day period, the person or entity from whom
30 the contraband was seized from shall be able to petition the City of Slidell for the return of
31 the seized item(s).

32 (4) The City shall return the contraband to the petitioning person or entity if the
33 possession of the item(s) is not otherwise prohibited by law.

34 (5) The City is authorized to dispose of all contraband seized on the 31st day
35 following the conclusion of the Carnival/Mardi Gras season or on the 31st day following the
36 conclusion of the parades authorized by this chapter, unless an appeal has been taken
37 pursuant to the provisions of the Code of Ordinances and without notice.
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4 **Sec. 27-182. Other parades.**

5 ***Regulations.***

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7 Other parades shall be regulated by the same requirements and codes that
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9 prevail for Carnival/Mardi Gras and St. Patrick's Day Parades.

10 ***St. Patrick's Parade.***


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12 The St. Patrick's Day Parade Organization is hereby authorized to conduct
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14 annually the St. Patrick's Parade.


15 The route for said parade to be determined.


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17 **Sec. 27-183. Severability**

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19 It is hereby declared that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and
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21 phrases of this article are severable and if any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or
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23 phrase be declared unconstitutional by a valid judgment of any court of competent
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25 jurisdiction, such judgment shall not affect the constitutionality of any other section,
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27 paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this article.

28 **ADOPTED** this 22nd day of October, 2013.

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31 Lionel Hicks
32 President of the Council
33 Councilman, District A

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36 Freddy Drennan
37 Mayor

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40 Thomas P. Reeves
41 Council Administrator

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