

1 Introduced, February 21, 2017, by Councilman
2 Newcomb, seconded by Councilman Abney, (by
3 request of Administration)

4 **Item No. 17-02-3180**

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6 **ORDINANCE NO. 3851**

7 An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell,
8 Chapter 11 Criminal Code, Section 207 Begging, Panhandling, Permit Required.
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10 NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council that it does
11 hereby amend Chapter 11, Section 207, by deleting the existing Ordinance in its entirety
12 and replacing it with Chapter 11, Section 207, Begging, Panhandling, Permit Required, as
13 follows, to wit:
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16 **Sec. 11-207. Begging, panhandling, permit required.**

17 (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to beg or panhandle within the city limits
18 without first obtaining a permit from the chief of police or his designee;
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20 (b) The application for an obtaining of a permit shall be a two (2) step
21 process:
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23 (1) First step.

24 Applicant is to first apply for a conditional/temporary permit. The application
25 for this permit shall be in writing on a form furnished by the chief of police and
26 shall be submitted to the police department between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
27 on any weekday.

28 The application shall include the full legal name of the applicant, the applicant's
29 address, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses, and any other information
30 needed to establish the applicant's identity. The applicant shall also provide
31 picture identification at the time the application is submitted or, if picture
32 identification is impractical, the applicant shall provide other documentation
33 that definitively establishes identity.

34 Upon the completion of the application, the conditional/temporary permit shall
35 be granted immediately to the applicant and will remain valid for seventy-two
36 (72) hours.
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6 (2) Second step.

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8 Upon the expiration of the conditional/temporary permit, the applicant is to
9 return to the Slidell Police Department, and the chief of police shall grant a
10 permit that will be valid for one (1) year unless:

- 11 (i) The previously submitted application contained a false or
12 fraudulent statement. If the permit holder/applicant makes a false
13 or misleading statement while applying for the
14 beggars'/panhandlers' permit, he or she shall be guilty of a
15 misdemeanor. Upon notice of said violation, the chief of police or
16 his designee shall decline to issue a permit to the offending
17 applicant.
- 18 (ii) The permit holder/applicant has been convicted of violating
19 begging or *panhandling* ordinances within the twelve (12) months
20 prior to the application date.
- 21 (iii) If the permit applicant has two (2) or more violations of this
22 chapter within a period of five (5) years preceding the
23 application for permit.
- 24 (iv) If the permit applicant has been convicted of two (2) or more
25 offenses within a period of five (5) years preceding the
26 application for the permit where each offense involved an assault,
27 communicating a threat, illegal use of a weapon or other act of
28 violence or attempted violence, whether a misdemeanor or felony
29 under Louisiana law or which is substantially equivalent offense
30 in another jurisdiction.
- 31 (v) If the applicant has been convicted of one or more offenses of
32 homicide under Louisiana law or for offenses occurring in other
33 jurisdictions, constitutes offense(s) substantially equivalent to
34 homicide within a period of twenty (20) years preceding the
35 application for permit.

36 (c) The permit applicant may appeal a denial of a permit to the chief
37 administrative officer of the city if the appeal is taken within ten (10) days after receiving
38 actual notice of its denial.
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4 (d) A permit shall be valid for one (1) year from the date of issuance or until
5 the permit holder is convicted of a violation of the city's begging and *panhandling*
6 ordinances. If a permit holder is convicted of a violation of the begging and
7 *panhandling* ordinance, the holder shall not be eligible for another permit for a period of
8 two (2) years from the date of conviction of the offense.

9 (e) Any revocation of a permit pursuant to this section may be appealed to
10 the chief of police, or his designee, if the appeal is taken within ten (10) days of notice
11 of revocation.


12 (f) Persons receiving said permit must keep same displayed on his or her
13 chest, hanging from a lanyard or clipped to their garment, so that the name, type of permit
14 and date of expiration is visible at all times while begging or *panhandling* alms for
15 personal gains and show it to any law enforcement officer or the chief administrative
16 officer or his designee immediately upon request.

17 (g) Issuance of a permit under this section does not authorize begging on
18 roadways, travel lanes and shoulders thereof and/or in locations where it is otherwise
19 prohibited by law.
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22 **ADOPTED** this 28th day of March, 2017.

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24 Jay E. Newcomb
25 President of the Council
26 Councilman, District F

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28 Freddy Drennan
29 Mayor

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34 Thomas P. Reeves
35 Council Administrator

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