

1 Introduced April 9, 2019, by Councilwoman  
2 Harbison, seconded by Councilman Borchert,  
3 (by request of Administration)

4 **Item No. 19-04-3267**

5 **ORDINANCE NO. 3930**

6 An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell,  
7 Chapter 15 Floods, Section 15-24 Definitions.

8 WHEREAS, the City of Slidell has elected to participate in the National Flood  
9 Insurance Program (NFIP) which enable the NFIP to provide flood insurance to properties  
10 in the City's flood plain; and

11 WHEREAS, a requirement of being in the NFIP program is for the City to  
12 adopt flood plain management regulations that are consistent with Federal criteria; and

13 WHEREAS, Chapter 15 Floods, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of  
14 Slidell contains the City's flood plain management regulations; and

15 WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA)  
16 conducted a Community Assistance Visit (CAV) from April 9 to April 12, 2018; and

17 WHEREAS, during the CAV, FEMA identified required definitions that were  
18 either not included in the City's flood plain management regulations or not consistent with  
19 current Federal definitions.

20 NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council that it  
21 hereby amends the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, Chapter 15 Floods, Section  
22 15-23 Definitions as follows:

- 23 1. Add following definitions in their alphabetical order  
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4 *Existing manufactured home park or subdivision* means a manufactured  
5 home park or subdivision for which the construction of facilities for servicing the lots on  
6 which the manufactured homes are to be affixed (including, at a minimum, the installation  
7 of utilities, the construction of streets, and either final site grading or the pouring of  
8 concrete pads) is completed before the effective date of the floodplain management  
9 regulations adopted by a community.

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11 *Expansion to an existing manufactured home park or subdivision* means the  
12 preparation of additional sites by the construction of facilities for servicing the lots on which  
13 the manufactured homes are to be affixed (including the installation of utilities, the  
14 construction of streets, and either final site grading or the pouring of concrete pads).

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16 *Flood insurance study* means an examination, evaluation and determination  
17 of flood hazards and, if appropriate, corresponding water surface elevations, or an  
18 examination, evaluation and determination of mudslide (i.e., mudflow) and/or flood-related  
19 erosion hazards.

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21 *Flood proofing* means any combination of structural and non-structural  
22 additions, changes, or adjustments to structures which reduce or eliminate flood damage  
23 to real estate or improved real property, water and sanitary facilities, structures and their  
24 contents.

25 *Historic structure* means any structure that is:

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27 (1) Listed individually in the National Register of Historic Places (a listing  
28 maintained by the Department of Interior) or preliminarily determined by the Secretary  
29 of the Interior as meeting the requirements for individual listing on the National  
30 Register;

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32 (2) Certified or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as  
33 contributing to the historical significance of a registered historic district or a district  
34 preliminarily determined by the Secretary to qualify as a registered historic district;

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36 (3) Individually listed on a state inventory of historic places in states with historic  
37 preservation programs which have been approved by the Secretary of Interior; or  
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4 (4) Individually listed on a local inventory or historic places in communities with  
5 historic preservation programs that have been certified either:

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7 (a) By an approved state program as determined by the Secretary of the  
8 Interior or;

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10 (b) Directly by the Secretary of the Interior in states without approved  
11 programs.

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13 *Lowest floor* means the lowest floor of the lowest enclosed area (including  
14 basement). An unfinished or flood resistant enclosure, usable solely for parking or  
15 vehicles, building access or storage in an area other than a basement area is not  
16 considered a building's lowest floor; **provided** that such enclosure is not built so as to  
17 render the structure in violation of the applicable non-elevation design requirement of  
18 Section 60.3 of the National Flood Insurance Program regulations.

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20 *Recreation vehicle* means a vehicle which is (i) built on a single chassis; (ii)  
21 400 square feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projections; (iii) designed  
22 to be self-propelled or permanently towable by a light duty truck; and (iv) designed  
23 primarily not for use as a permanent dwelling but as temporary living quarters for  
24 recreational, camping, travel, or seasonal use.

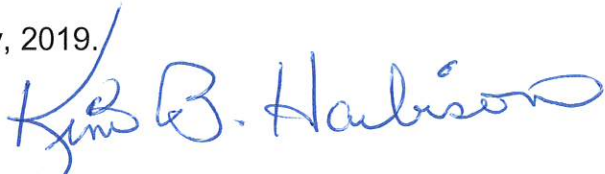
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26 *Special flood hazard* is the land in the floodplain within a community subject  
27 to a 1 percent or greater chance of flooding in any given year. The area may be  
28 designated as Zone A on the Flood Hazard Boundary Map (FHBM). After detailed rate-  
29 making has been completed in preparation for publication of the FIRM, Zone A usually is  
30 refined into Zones A, AO, AH, A1-30, AE, A99, AR, AR/A1-30, AR/AE, AR/AO, AR/AH,  
AR/A, VO, V1-30, VE or V.

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32 *Violation* means the failure of a structure or other development to be fully  
33 compliant with the community's floodplain management regulations. A structure or other  
34 development without the elevation certificate, other certifications, or other evidence of  
35 compliance required in Section 60.3(b)(5), (c)(4), (c)(10), (d)(3), (e)(2), (e)(4), or (e)(5) is  
36 presumed to be in violation until such time as that documentation is provided.  
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5 2. Replace the existing definition of *Substantial Improvement* with following  
6 definition:

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8 *Substantial damage* means damage of any origin sustained by a structure  
9 whereby the cost of restoring the structure to its before damaged condition would equal or  
10 exceed 50 percent of the market value of the structure before the damage occurred.

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12 **ADOPTED** this 14th day of May, 2019.

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16 Kim Harbison  
17 President of the Council  
18 Councilwoman, District F

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