Introduced May 28, 2019, by Councilwoman Harbison, seconded by Councilman Borchert, (by request of Administration)

Item No. 19-05-3280

ORDINANCE NO. 3948

An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, Chapter 21 Personnel, Sec. 21-21. Medical and Dental Insurance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council that it hereby amends the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, Chapter 21 Personnel, Sec. 21-21. Medical and Dental Insurance as follows:

Delete Section 21-21 (b) (3) in its entirety and replace with the following:

"(b)(3) Spouses of City of Slidell employees who are eligible for group health coverage with their employers but choose to instead participate in the City of Slidell medical insurance will be charged a surcharge of \$150.00 per month beginning July 1, 2019. The surcharge does not apply to a spouse who is not eligible for group insurance at his or her employer. If a spouse chooses to participate in the coverage through his or her employer and also elects to participate in the City of Slidell plan as a secondary coverage, the surcharge will not apply."

Add a new section, Section 21-21 (b) (4) as follows:

"(b)(4) The city will offer full-time employees and/or their spouses the opportunity to participate in a Medical Expense Reimbursement Plan If the employee and/or their spouse/dependent children participates in an alternate medical coverage, they can be reimbursed for copays, deductibles, and coinsurance up to the amounts allowed by the Affordable Care Act. They can also be reimbursed for the premium contribution paid for the spouse's employer sponsored medical plan if it exceeds the premium contribution the city employee would have paid to remain on the city's medical coverage up to a certain amount. In order to participate in the MERP, you need to have participated in the city's medical plan prior to June 30, 2019, be a new employee as of July 1, 2019, or become eligible through a qualifying event. Retirees and/or their spouses are not eligible to participate in the MERP. City employees and their family members' participation in the MERP plan shall qualify as participation in a

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qualified City medical insurance program in satisfaction of the retirement requirement outlined in Section 21-21."

ADOPTED this 25th day of June, 2019/

Kim Harbison

President of the Council Councilwoman, District F

Greg Cromer Mayor

Thomas P. Reeves
Council Administrator

DELIVERED

9:15 am to the Mayor

RECEIVED

1:30 pm from the Mayor