Introduced May 25, 2021, by Councilman Tamborella, seconded by Councilwoman Denham, (by request of Administration)

#### Item No. 21-05-3374

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 4033**

An Ordinance providing for the incurring of debt and issuance of not to exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) aggregate principal amount of City of Slidell, State of Louisiana General Obligation Refunding Bonds, in one or more series (the "Bonds"), prescribing the form, terms and conditions of the Bonds and the security therefor; designating the date, denomination and place of payment of such Bonds; providing for the payment of such Bonds in principal and interest; approving and confirming the sale of such Bonds; and providing for other matters with respect to the Bonds.

WHEREAS, the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana (the "*Issuer*") is a body politic and corporate and a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer has previously issued its \$5,146,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2016, issued for the purpose of refunding a portion of the Issuer's General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010, the proceeds of which were used for the purpose of acquiring, constructing and improving drainage, streets and bridges; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide debt service savings, the Issuer, acting through its governing authority, the City Council of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority") desires to refund all or a portion of the outstanding Series 2016 Bonds, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 14-A of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended and other constitutional and statutory authority (the "Refunding Act"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Refunding Act, the Issuer desires to accomplish such refunding through the issuance of not exceeding \$5,000,000 of its General Obligation Refunding Bonds, in one or more series (the "**Bonds**"), to be payable from the levy and collection of an unlimited ad valorem tax on all property within the boundaries of the Issuer, as approved in an election held on October 17, 2009; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Refunding Act and this Ordinance, the proceeds of the Bonds will be used for the purpose of (i) refunding

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all or a portion of the Series 2016 Bonds, and (ii) paying the costs of issuance of the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this Governing Authority to fix the details necessary with respect to the issuance of the Bonds and to provide for their authorization and issuance and the security for such Bonds; and

WHEREAS, this Governing Authority has found and determined that it is necessary and desirable to approve the sale of the Bonds to a purchaser and authorize the Mayor to execute a placement agreement with the placement agent and/or purchase agreement with the purchaser (the "*Purchase Agreement*") within the parameters set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, this Governing Authority further desires to proceed with the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds to the purchaser and take such action as may be necessary to accomplish such issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the Issuer, as follows:

Section 1. <u>Definitions</u>. As used herein, the following terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context otherwise requires:

"Agreement" means the agreement to be entered into between the Issuer and the Paying Agent pursuant to this Ordinance.

"Bond Register" means the records kept by the Paying Agent at its principal corporate trust office in which registration of the Bonds and transfers of the Bonds shall be made as provided herein.

"Bond Year" means the twelve (12) month period commencing on March 2 in any year and ending on March 1 of the following year, or any such twelve (12) month period as set forth in a supplemental ordinance.

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"Bonds" means the Issuer's not to exceed \$5,000,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, in one more series, authorized and issued pursuant to this Ordinance and any bonds issued in exchange for, upon transfer of or in lieu of any previously issued Bonds.

"Business Day" means (a) any day other than Saturday or Sunday, (b) a day of the year on which banks located in New York, New York, or banks located in cities in which the principal corporate trust offices of the Paying Agent are located are not required or authorized to remain closed, or (c) on which the New York Stock Exchange is not closed.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

"Escrow Agent" means Hancock Whitney Bank, Baton Rouge, Louisiana in its capacity as escrow agent.

"Escrow Agreement" means the Escrow Deposit Agreement by and between the Issuer and the Escrow Agent, providing for the deposit of certain proceeds of the Bonds for the purpose of redeeming all or a portion of the Series 2016 Bonds on the Redemption Date.

"Escrow Fund" means the escrow fund held by the Escrow Agent pursuant to the Escrow Agreement.

"Fiscal Agent" means the bank from time to time appointed and acting as the Issuer's fiscal agent bank in accordance with applicable law.

"Fiscal Year" means the one-year accounting period commencing on July 1 of each year, or such other one-year period as may be designated by the Governing Authority as the fiscal year of the Issuer.

"Governing Authority" means the City Council of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana, as the governing authority of the Issuer.

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"Government Securities" means direct obligations of, or obligations the principal of and interest on which are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America, which are non-callable prior to their maturity, may be United States Treasury obligations such as the State and Local Government Series and may be in book-entry form.

"Interest Payment Date" means March 1 and September 1 of each year in which the Bonds are outstanding, commencing March 1, 2022.

"Issuer" means the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana.

"Mayor" means the Mayor of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana.

"Ordinance" means this Ordinance authorizing the issuance of the Bonds, as it may be supplemented and amended from time to time.

"Outstanding" when used with respect to the Bonds means, as of the date of determination, all Bonds theretofore issued and delivered under this Ordinance, except:

- (1) Bonds theretofore canceled by the Paying Agent or delivered to the Paying Agent for cancellation;
- (2) Bonds for which payment or redemption sufficient funds have been theretofore deposited in trust for the owners of such Bonds as provided in Section 20 of this Ordinance; provided that if such Bonds are to be redeemed, irrevocable notice of such redemption has been duly given or provided for pursuant to this Ordinance or waived;
- (3) Bonds in exchange for or in lieu of which other Bonds have been registered and delivered pursuant to this Ordinance;
- (4) Bonds alleged to have been mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen which have been paid as provided in this Ordinance or by law; and
- (5) Bonds for the payment of the principal (or redemption price, if any) of and interest on which money or Government Securities or both are held in trust with the effect specified in this Ordinance.

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"Owner" or "Owners" when used with respect to any Bond means the Person in whose name such Bond is registered in the Bond Register.

"Paying Agent" means Hancock Whitney Bank, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, until a successor Paying Agent shall have been appointed pursuant to the applicable provisions of this Ordinance and thereafter "Paying Agent" shall mean such successor Paying Agent.

"Person" means any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, association, joint stock company, trust, unincorporated organization or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

"Purchase Agreement" means the purchase agreement entered into by and between the Issuer and the purchaser regarding the sale of the Bonds.

"Qualified Investments" shall mean the following, provided that the same are at the time legal for investment of the Issuer's funds, in accordance with La. R.S. 33:2955.

"Record Date" for the interest payable on any Interest Payment Date means the 15th calendar day of the month next preceding such Interest Payment Date.

"Redemption Date" means March 1, 2022.

"Refunding Act" means Chapter 14-A of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority.

"Series 2016 Bonds" means the Issuer's General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2016, issued in the original principal amount of \$5,146,000 and currently outstanding in approximately the amount of \$4,839,000.

Section 2. <u>Authorization of Bonds; Maturities</u>. In compliance with the terms and provisions of the Refunding Act, and other constitutional and statutory authority, there is hereby authorized the incurring of an indebtedness of not to exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) for, on behalf of, and in the name of the Issuer, for the purpose of (i) refunding all or a portion of the Series 2016 Bonds, and (ii) paying the costs of issuance of

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the Bonds. To represent the aforesaid indebtedness, the Governing Authority does hereby authorize the issuance of not to exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, in one or more series. The Bonds shall be in fully registered form, shall be dated the date of delivery thereof, shall be issued in minimum denominations of no less than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) or any integral multiple thereof within a single maturity and shall be numbered from R-1 upward. The Bonds shall bear interest from the date thereof or from the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, payable on each Interest Payment Date, commencing March 1, 2022, at the rates of interest per annum as set forth in the Purchase Agreement, such rates not to exceed four percent (4.00%) per annum (using a year of three hundred sixty (360) days comprised of twelve (12) thirty (30)-day months). The Bonds shall become due and payable and mature on the dates set forth in the Purchase Agreement, however, the final maturity date of the Bonds shall be no later than March 1, 2029.

The principal of the Bonds, upon maturity or redemption, shall be payable at the corporate trust office of the Paying Agent in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, upon presentation and surrender thereof, and interest on the Bonds shall be payable by check of the Paying Agent mailed by the Paying Agent to the Owner (determined as of the close of business on the Record Date) at the address shown on the Bond Register. Each Bond delivered under this Ordinance upon transfer of, in exchange for or in lieu of any other Bond shall carry all the rights to interest accrued and unpaid, and to accrue, which were carried by such other Bond, and each such Bond shall bear interest (as herein set forth) so neither gain nor loss in interest shall result from such transfer, exchange or substitution.

No Bond shall be entitled to any right or benefit under this Ordinance, or be valid or obligatory for any purpose, unless there appears on such Bond a certificate of registration, substantially in the form provided in this Ordinance, executed by the Paying Agent by manual signature.

Section 3. Redemption Provisions. The Bonds may be callable for optional or mandatory redemption as set forth therein.

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Section 4. Registration and Transfer. The Issuer shall cause the Bond Register to be kept by the Paying Agent. The Bonds may be transferred, registered and assigned only on the Bond Register, and such registration shall be at the expense of the Issuer. A Bond may be assigned by the execution of an assignment form on the Bond or by other instruments of transfer and assignment acceptable to the Paying Agent. A new Bond or Bonds will be delivered by the Paying Agent to the last assignee (the new Owner) in exchange for such transferred and assigned Bonds after receipt of the Bonds to be transferred in proper form. Such new Bond or Bonds shall be in minimum denominations of no less than \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof within a single maturity. Neither the Issuer nor the Paying Agent shall be required to issue, register, transfer or exchange any Bond during a period beginning at the opening of business on a Record Date and ending at the close of business on the Interest Payment Date.

- Section 5. Form of Bonds. The Bonds and the endorsements to appear thereon shall be in substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- Section 6. <u>Execution of Bonds</u>. The Bonds shall be signed by the Mayor for, on behalf of, in the name of and under the seal of the Issuer, which signature and seal may be either manual or facsimile.
- Section 7. Registration by Secretary of State. The Bonds shall be registered with the Secretary of State of the State of Louisiana if required by law and, in such event, shall bear the endorsement of the Secretary of State in substantially the form set forth in Exhibit A hereto, provided that such endorsement shall be manually signed only on the Bonds initially delivered to the purchaser, and Bonds subsequently exchanged therefor as permitted in this Ordinance may bear the facsimile signature of said Secretary of State.
- Section 8. <u>Pledge of Full Faith and Credit</u>. The Bonds shall constitute general obligations of the Issuer, and the full faith and credit of the Issuer is hereby pledged for their payment. This Governing Authority does hereby obligate itself and is bound under the terms and provisions of law and the election authorizing the Bonds to impose and collect annually in excess of all other taxes a tax on all of the property subject to taxation within the territorial limits of the Issuer sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on the Bonds falling due each year, said tax to be levied and collected by the same officers, in the

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same manner and at the same time as other taxes are levied and collected within the territorial limits of the Issuer.

Section 9. <u>Creation and Use of Funds and Accounts; Application of Bond Proceeds</u>. Upon delivery of and payment for the Bonds, the following special trust funds and accounts shall be established, maintained and used for the following purposes:

- (a) The Bond Proceeds Fund (the "Bond Proceeds Fund") is hereby created and shall be maintained with the Paying Agent and used to receive the proceeds of the Bonds and certain proceeds; to transfer an amount to the Escrow Fund, sufficient to redeem the Series 2016 Bonds in full on the Redemption Date; and to retain therein such sum required to pay costs of issuance, as shall be specified in the Agreement. Any remaining balance in the Bond Proceeds Fund on February 15, 2022 shall be returned to the Issuer, deposited into the Sinking Fund and used as a credit toward the payment due by the Issuer on the next Interest Payment Date.
- (b) The Sinking Fund (the "Sinking Fund") shall continue be maintained with the Fiscal Agent and the Issuer shall deposit therein the proceeds of the aforesaid special tax and no other moneys whatsoever. The Issuer shall direct the Fiscal Agent to transfer from the Sinking Fund to the Paying Agent at least five (5) Business Days in advance of each Interest Payment Date, funds fully sufficient to pay promptly the principal and interest falling due on the Bonds.

All moneys deposited with the Fiscal Agent or the Paying Agent under the terms of this Ordinance shall constitute sacred funds for the benefit of the Owners of the Bonds, and shall be secured by said fiduciaries at all times to the full extent thereof in the manner required by law for the securing of deposits of public funds.

All or any part of the moneys in the funds listed above shall, at the written request of the Issuer, be invested in Qualified Investments, in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the State of Louisiana, in which event all income derived from such investments shall be maintained in such fund.

Section 10. <u>Budget; Audit</u>. As long as any of the Bonds are outstanding and unpaid in principal or interest, the Issuer shall prepare and adopt a budget prior to the

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beginning of each Fiscal Year and shall furnish a copy of such budget within thirty (30) days after its adoption to the Owners of any of the Bonds who request the same. Not later than six (6) months after the close of each Fiscal Year, unless such date is extended pursuant to the laws of the State of Louisiana or by virtue of an Executive Order of the Governor of the State of Louisiana in the event of a natural disaster or similar event, the Issuer shall cause an audit of its books and accounts to be made by the Legislative Auditor or an independent firm of certified public accountants showing the receipts and disbursements made by the Issuer during the previous Fiscal Year. Such audit shall be available for inspection by the Owner of any of the Bonds.

Section 11. <u>Preparation of Bonds</u>. The Mayor of the Issuer and/or the President and Council Administrator of the Governing Authority are each hereby empowered, authorized and directed to do any and all things necessary and incidental to carry out all of the provisions of this Ordinance, to cause the necessary Bonds to be printed or lithographed, to issue, execute and seal the Bonds, and to effect delivery thereof as hereinafter provided.

Section 12. <u>Bonds Legal Obligations</u>. The Bonds shall constitute legal, binding and valid obligations of the Issuer, and shall be the only evidence of the indebtedness as herein authorized and created.

Section 13. Ordinance a Contract. The provisions of this Ordinance shall constitute a contract between the Issuer, or its successor, and the Owner or Owners from time to time of the Bonds, and any such Owner or Owners may at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceedings, enforce and compel the performance of all duties required to be performed by this Governing Authority or the Issuer as a result of issuing the Bonds.

No material modification or amendment of this Ordinance, or of any ordinance amendatory hereof or supplemental hereto, may be made without the consent in writing of the Owners of two thirds (%) of the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds then outstanding; provided, however, that no modification or amendment shall permit a change in the maturity or redemption provisions of the Bonds, or a reduction in the rate of interest thereon, or in the amount of the principal obligation thereof, or affecting the obligation of

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the Issuer to pay the principal of and the interest on the Bonds as the same shall come due from the taxes pledged and dedicated to the payment thereof by this Ordinance, or reduce the percentage of the Owners required to consent to any material modification or amendment of this Ordinance, without the consent of the Owners of the Bonds.

Section 14. <u>Severability; Application of Subsequently Enacted Laws</u>. In case any one or more of the provisions of this Ordinance or of the Bonds shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provisions of this Ordinance or of the Bonds, but this Ordinance and the Bonds shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provisions had not been contained therein. Any constitutional or statutory provisions enacted after the date of this Ordinance which validate or make legal any provision of this Ordinance and/or the Bonds which would not otherwise be valid or legal, shall be deemed to apply to this Ordinance and to the Bonds.

Section 15. Recital of Regularity. This Governing Authority having investigated the regularity of the proceedings had in connection with the Bonds and having determined the same to be regular, the Bonds shall contain the following recital, to wit:

"It is certified that this Bond is authorized by and is issued in conformity with the requirements of the Constitution and statutes of the State of Louisiana."

Section 16. <u>Effect of Registration</u>. The Issuer, the Paying Agent, and any agent of either of them may treat the Owner in whose name any Bond is registered as the Owner of such Bond for the purpose of receiving payment of the principal of and interest on such Bond and for all other purposes whatsoever, and to the extent permitted by law, neither the Issuer, the Paying Agent, nor any agent of either of them shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

Section 17. <u>Notices to Owners</u>. Wherever this Ordinance provides for notice to Owners of Bonds of any event, such notice shall be sufficiently given (unless otherwise herein expressly provided) if in writing and mailed, first class postage prepaid, to each Owner of such Bonds, at the address of such Owner as it appears in the Bond Register. In any case where notice to Owners of Bonds is given by mail, neither the failure to mail such notice to any particular Owner of Bonds, nor any defect in any notice so mailed, shall affect

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the sufficiency of such notice with respect to all other Bonds. Where this Ordinance provides for notice in any manner, such notice may be waived in writing by the Owner or Owners entitled to receive such notice, either before or after the event, and such waiver shall be the equivalent of such notice. Waivers of notice by Owners shall be filed with the Paying Agent, but such filing shall not be a condition precedent to the validity of any action taken in reliance upon such waiver.

Section 18. <u>Cancellation of Bonds</u>. All Bonds surrendered for payment, redemption, transfer, exchange or replacement, if surrendered to the Paying Agent, shall be promptly canceled by it and, if surrendered to the Issuer, shall be delivered to the Paying Agent and, if not already canceled, shall be promptly canceled by the Paying Agent. The Issuer may at any time deliver to the Paying Agent for cancellation any Bonds previously registered and delivered which the Issuer may have acquired in any manner whatsoever, and all Bonds so delivered shall be promptly canceled by the Paying Agent. All canceled Bonds held by the Paying Agent shall be disposed of as directed in writing by the Issuer.

Section 19. Mutilated, Destroyed, Lost or Stolen Bonds. If (1) any mutilated Bond is surrendered to the Paying Agent, or the Issuer and the Paying Agent receive evidence to their satisfaction of the destruction, loss or theft of any Bond, and (2) there is delivered to the Issuer and the Paying Agent such security or indemnity as may be required by them to save each of them harmless, then, in the absence of notice to the Issuer or the Paying Agent that such Bond has been acquired by a bona fide purchaser, the Issuer shall execute, and upon its request the Paying Agent shall register and deliver, in exchange for or in lieu of any such mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen Bond, a new Bond of the same maturity and of like tenor, interest rate and principal amount, bearing a number not contemporaneously outstanding. In case any such mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Bond has become or is about to become due and payable, the Issuer in its discretion may, instead of issuing a new Bond, pay such Bond. Upon the issuance of any new Bond under this Section, the Issuer may require the payment by the Owner of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in relation thereto and any other expenses (including the fees and expenses of the Paying Agent) connected therewith. Every new Bond issued pursuant to this Section in lieu of any mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Bond shall constitute a replacement of the prior obligation of the

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Issuer, whether or not the mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Bond shall be at any time enforceable by anyone and shall be entitled to all the benefits of this Ordinance equally and ratably with all other outstanding Bonds. Any additional procedures set forth in the Agreement, authorized in this Ordinance, shall also be available with respect to mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Bonds. The provisions of this Section are exclusive and shall preclude (to the extent lawful) all other rights and remedies with respect to the replacement and payment of mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Bonds.

#### Section 20. Book Entry System of Bonds.

(a) The Issuer has executed and delivered a Blanket Letter of Representations with The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York (the "Securities Depository") and may be registered with the Securities Depository. If the Bonds are registered with the Securities Depository, the terms and provisions of said Letter of Representations shall govern in the event of any inconsistency between the provisions of this Ordinance and said Letter of Representations. All Bonds issued hereunder and registered with the Securities Depository will be issued as a single Bond for each maturity in the name of the Securities Depository, or its nominee, which will act as depository for the Bonds. Bonds issued to the Securities Depository pursuant to the terms hereof shall constitute "Book Entry Bonds." During the term of the Book Entry Bonds, ownership and subsequent transfers of ownership will be reflected by book entry on the records of the Securities Depository and those financial institutions for whom the Securities Depository effects book entry transfers (collectively, the "DTC Participants"). No person for whom a DTC Participant has an interest in any Book Entry Bond (a "Beneficial Owner") shall receive a bond certificate representing an interest in the Book Entry Bonds except in the event that the Securities Depository or the Issuer shall determine, at its option, to terminate the book entry system described in this section. Payment of principal of and interest on Book Entry Bonds will be made by the Paying Agent to the Securities Depository which will in turn remit such payment of principal and interest to its DTC Participants which will in turn remit such principal and interest to the Beneficial Owners of the Book Entry Bonds until and unless the Securities Depository or the Issuer elects to terminate the book entry system, whereupon the Issuer shall deliver bond certificates to the Beneficial Owners of the Book Entry Bonds or their nominees. Bond certificates issued under this Section may not be transferred or exchanged except as provided in this Section.

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- (b) For so long as the Securities Depository shall continue to serve as securities depository for the Bonds as provided herein, all transfers of beneficial ownership interests will be made by book entry only, and no investor or other party purchasing, selling or otherwise transferring beneficial ownership of Bonds is to receive, hold or deliver any Bond.
- (c) For every transfer and exchange of the Bonds, the Beneficial Owner may be charged a sum sufficient to cover such Beneficial Owner's allocable share of any tax, fee or other governmental charges that may be imposed in relation thereto.
- (d) The Issuer and the Paying Agent will recognize DTC or its nominee as the Bond holder for all purposes, including notices and voting.
- (e) Neither the Issuer nor the Paying Agent are responsible for the performance by DTC of any of its obligations, including, without limitation, the payment of moneys received by DTC, the forwarding of notices received by DTC or the giving of any consent or proxy in lieu of consent.
- (f) Whenever during the term of the Bonds the beneficial ownership thereof is determined by a book entry at DTC, the requirements of this Ordinance of holding, delivering or transferring Bonds shall be deemed modified to require the appropriate person to meet the requirements of DTC as to registering or transferring the book entry to produce the same effect.
- (g) Upon the reduction of the principal amount of any Book Entry Bonds, in accordance with the Letter of Representations, the Securities Depository (or the Paying Agent on behalf of the Securities Depository through the Fast Automated Transfer delivery services of the Securities Depository) may either (i) make a notation of such redemption on the Book Entry Bond, stating the amount so redeemed, or (ii) may return the Book Entry Bond to the Paying Agent for exchange for a new Book Entry Bond, authenticated by the Paying Agent in a proper principal amount. The Securities Depository makes a notation on the Book Entry Bond, such notation may be made for reference only, and may not be relied upon by any other person as being in any way determinative of the principal amount

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of such Book Entry Bond Outstanding, unless the Paying Agent has initialed the notation on the Book Entry Bond.

- (h) Upon delivery of Book Entry Bonds to the purchasers thereof on the delivery date, such purchasers shall deposit the bond certificates representing all of those Bonds with the Securities Depository (or the Paying Agent on behalf of the Securities Depository through the Fast Automated Security Transfer delivery services of the Securities Depository). The Securities Depository, or its nominee, will be the sole Bond owner of the Book Entry Bonds so delivered, and no investor or other party purchasing, selling or otherwise transferring ownership of any Book Entry Bonds will receive, hold or deliver any bond certificates as long as the Securities Depository holds Book Entry Bonds immobilized from circulation.
  - (i) The Book Entry Bonds may not be transferred or exchanged except:
  - (i) to any successor of the Securities Depository (or its nominee) or any substitute depository ("Substitute Depository") designated pursuant to (ii) below, provided that any successor of the Securities Depository or any Substitute Depository must be a qualified and registered "clearing agency" as provided in Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended;
  - (ii) to a Substitute Depository designated by or acceptable to the Commission upon (a) the determination by the Securities Depository that file Bonds shall no longer be eligible for depository services, or (b) determination by the Commission that the Securities Depository is no longer able to carry out its functions, provided that any such Substitute Depository must be qualified to act as such, as provided in subparagraph (i) above; or
  - (iii) to those persons to whom transfer is requested in written transfer instructions in the event that:
    - (A) the Securities Depository shall resign or discontinue its services for the Bonds and, only if the Commission is unable to locate a qualified

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successor within two (2) months following the resignation or determination of non-eligibility; or

- (B) upon a determination by the Issuer that the continuation of the book entry system described herein, which precludes the issuance of certificates to any Bond owner other than the Securities Depository (or its nominee), is no longer in the best interest of the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds.
- (j) If at any time DTC ceases to hold the Bonds, all references herein to DTC or the Securities Depository shall be of no further force or effect.

Section 21. <u>Discharge of Ordinance; Defeasance</u>. If the Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid, or there shall otherwise be paid to the Owner, the principal of and interest on the Bonds, at the times and in the manner stipulated in this Ordinance, then the pledge of the money, securities, and funds pledged under this Ordinance and all covenants, agreements, and other obligations of the Issuer to the Owner shall thereupon cease, terminate, and become void and be discharged and satisfied, and the Paying Agent shall pay over or deliver all money held by it under this Ordinance to the Issuer.

Bonds or interest installments for the payment of which money shall have been set aside and shall be held in trust (through deposit by the Issuer of funds for such payment or otherwise) at the maturity date thereof shall be deemed to have been paid within the meaning and with the effect expressed above in this Section if they are defeased in the manner provided by Chapter 14 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended.

- Section 22. Events of Default. If one or more of the following "Events of Default" shall happen, that is to say,
- (a) if default shall be made in the due and punctual payment of the principal of any Bond when and as the same shall become due and payable, whether at maturity or otherwise; or

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- (b) if default shall be made in the due and punctual payment of any installment of interest on any Bond when and as such interest installment shall become due and payable; or
- (c) if default shall be made by the Issuer in the performance or observance of any other of the covenants, agreements or conditions on its part in this Ordinance, any supplemental ordinance or in the Bonds contained and such default shall continue for a period of forty-five (45) days after written notice thereof to the Issuer by any Owner; or
- (d) if the Issuer shall file a petition or otherwise seek relief under any Federal or State bankruptcy law or similar law;

then, upon the happening and continuance of any Event of Default the Owners of the Bonds shall be entitled to exercise all rights and powers for which provision is made under Louisiana law.

Section 23. <u>Successor Paying Agent; Paying Agent Agreement</u>. The Issuer will at all times maintain a Paying Agent meeting the qualifications hereinafter described for the performance of the duties hereunder for the Bonds. The designation of Hancock Whitney Bank as the initial Paying Agent in this Ordinance is hereby approved. The Issuer reserves the right to appoint a successor Paying Agent by (a) filing with the Person then performing such function a certified copy of an Ordinance giving notice of the termination of the Agreement and appointing a successor, and (b) causing notice to be given to each Owner. Every Paying Agent appointed hereunder shall at all times be a bank or trust company organized and doing business under the laws of the United States of America or of any state, authorized under such laws to exercise trust powers, and subject to supervision or examination by Federal or State authority. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute an appropriate Agreement with the Paying Agent for and on behalf of the Issuer in such form as may be satisfactory to said officers, the signatures of said officers on such Agreement to be conclusive evidence of the due exercise of the authority granted hereunder.

Section 24. <u>Continuing Disclosure</u>. If required by the purchaser of the Bonds, the Mayor and/or the Council Administrator of the Issuer are each hereby empowered and

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directed to execute an appropriate Continuing Disclosure Certificate whether or not S.E.C. Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) is applicable.

Section 25. Arbitrage. The Issuer covenants and agrees that, to the extent permitted by the laws of the State of Louisiana, it will comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and any amendment thereto (the "Code") in order to establish, maintain and preserve the exclusion from "gross income" of interest on the Bonds under the Code. The Issuer further covenants and agrees that it will not take any action, fail to take any action, or permit any action within its control to be taken, or permit at any time or times any of the proceeds of the Bonds or any other funds of the Issuer to be used directly or indirectly in any manner, the effect of which would be to cause the Bonds to be "arbitrage bonds" or would result in the inclusion of the interest on any of the Bonds in gross income under the Code, including, without limitation, (i) the failure to comply with the limitation on investment of Bond proceeds; or (ii) the failure to pay any required rebate of arbitrage earnings to the United States of America; or (iii) the use of the proceeds of the Bonds in a manner which would cause the Bonds to be "private activity bonds."

The Mayor and/or the President and Council Administrator of the Governing Authority are hereby empowered, authorized and directed to take any and all action and to execute and deliver any instrument, document or certificate necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Section.

Section 26. <u>Publication</u>. A copy of this Ordinance shall be published immediately after its adoption in one issue of the official journal of the Issuer.

Section 27. Official Statement. If necessary, the preparation and distribution of a Preliminary Official Statement and Official Statement of the Issuer relating to the Bonds containing security features, other pertinent information as deemed necessary, advisable or desirable and detailed and comprehensive financial and statistical data, is hereby approved in the form approved by Bond Counsel. The costs of the preparation, printing and distribution of the Preliminary Official Statement and the Official Statement shall be paid from the proceeds of the Bonds.

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Section 28. <u>Execution of Documents</u>. The Mayor of the Issuer and the President and Council Administrator of the Governing Authority are hereby authorized to negotiate, execute and deliver any and all documents necessary to the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds within the parameters set forth herein, including, but not limited to, the Agreement and a purchase agreement.

Section 29. <u>Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations</u>. The Bonds are designated as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code. In making this designation, the Issuer finds and determines that:

- (a) the Bonds are not "private activity bonds" within the meaning of the Code; and
- (b) the reasonably anticipated amount of qualified tax-exempt obligations which will be issued by the Issuer and all subordinate entities in calendar year 2021 does not exceed \$10,000,000.

Section 30. <u>Headings</u>. The headings of the various sections hereof are inserted for convenience of reference only and shall not control or affect the meaning or construction of any of the provisions hereof.

Section 31. <u>Severability</u>. In case any one or more of the provisions of this Ordinance or of the Bonds issued hereunder shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this Ordinance or of the Bonds, but this Ordinance and the Bonds shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provisions had not been contained therein. Any constitutional or statutory provision enacted after the date of this Ordinance that validates or makes legal any provision of this Ordinance and/or the Bonds, which would not otherwise be valid or legal, shall be deemed to apply to this Ordinance and to the Bonds.

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This Ordinance No. 4033, having been submitted to a vote of the City Council of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: 7

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2

ADOPTED this 22nd day of June, 2021.

Kenny Tamborella
President of the Council
Councilman, District E

Greg Cromer Mayor

Thomas P. Reeves
Council Administrator

DELIVERED (24) 21
9:10 am to the Mayor
RECEIVED 7/2/21

9:05 an from the Mayor

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### EXHIBIT A FORM OF BOND

No. R-1 Principal Amount: \$\_\_\_\_\_

#### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY

### CITY OF SLIDELL, STATE OF LOUISIANA GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2021

Bond <u>Date</u>	Maturity <a href="Date">Date</a>	Interest <u>Rate</u>	CUSIP
, 2021	March 1, 20	%	(And Andrews A

The CITY OF SLIDELL, STATE OF LOUISIANA (the "Issuer"), for value received, promises to pay, but only from the source hereinafter provided, to

or registered assigns, on the Maturity Date set forth above, the Principal Amount set forth above, together with interest thereon from the Bond Date set forth above or the most recent interest payment date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, payable on March 1 and September 1 of each year, commencing March 1, 2022 (each an "Interest Payment Date"), at the Interest Rate per annum set forth above (calculated using a year of three hundred sixty (360) days comprised of twelve (12) thirty (30)-day months) until said Principal Amount is paid, unless this Bond shall have been previously called for redemption and payment shall have been made or duly provided for. The principal of this Bond, upon maturity or redemption, is payable in lawful money of the United States of America at the corporate trust office of Hancock Whitney Bank, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, or successor thereto (the "Paying Agent"), upon presentation and surrender hereof. Interest on this Bond is payable by check mailed by the Paying Agent to the registered owner (determined as of the close of business on the fifteenth (15th) calendar day of the

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month next preceding each Interest Payment Date) at the address as shown on the registration books of the Paying Agent.

This Bond is one of an authorized issue aggregating in principal the sum of			
Dollars (\$) of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana, General			
Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2021 (the "Bonds"), all of like tenor and effect except			
as to number, denomination, interest rate and maturity, said Bond having been issued by			
the Issuer pursuant to Ordinance No adopted by the City Council of the City of			
Slidell, State of Louisiana on June 22, 2021 (the "Ordinance"), for the purpose of (i)			
refunding all or a portion of the Issuer's outstanding General Obligation Refunding Bonds,			
Series 2016 (the "Series 2016 Bonds"), and (ii) paying the costs of issuing the Bonds, all			
pursuant to the authority conferred by Chapter 14-A of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised			
Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 33:2921 - 2925), and other constitutional and			
statutory authorities (the " <i>Refunding Act</i> ").			
The Bonds maturing on are callable for redemption on or after			

The Issuer shall cause to be kept at the principal office of the Paying Agent a register (the "Bond Register") in which registration of the Bond and of transfers of the Bond shall be made as provided in the Ordinance. This Bond may be transferred, registered and assigned only on the Bond Register, and such registration shall be at the expense of the Issuer. This Bond may be assigned by the execution of the assignment form hereon or by other instrument of transfer and assignment acceptable to the Paying Agent. A new Bond or Bonds will be delivered by the Paying Agent to the last assignee (the new registered owner) in exchange for this transferred and assigned Bond after receipt of this Bond to be transferred in proper form. Such new Bond or Bonds shall be in the denomination of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof within a single maturity. Neither the Issuer nor the Paying Agent shall be required to issue, register, transfer or exchange any Bond during a period beginning at the opening of business on the fifteenth (15th) calendar day of the month next preceding an Interest Payment Date and ending at the close of business on the Interest Payment Date.

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This Bond and the issue of which it forms a part constitute general obligations of the Issuer, and the full faith and credit of the Issuer is pledged for the payment of this Bond and the issue of which it forms a part. The Bonds are secured by a special ad valorem tax approved by voters and collected annually in excess of all other taxes on all the property subject to taxation within the territorial limits of the Issuer, under the Constitution and laws of Louisiana, sufficient in amount to pay the principal of this Bond and the issue of which it forms a part and the interest thereon as they severally mature.

This Bond shall not be valid or become obligatory for any purpose or be entitled to any security or benefit under the Ordinance until the certificate of registration hereon shall have been signed by the Paying Agent.

This Bond and the issue of which it forms a part have been duly registered with the Secretary of State of Louisiana as provided by law.

It is certified that this Bond is authorized by and is issued in conformity with the requirements of the Constitution and statutes of this State. It is further certified, recited and declared that all acts, conditions and things required to exist, to happen and to be performed precedent to and in the issuance of this Bond and the issue of which it forms a part to constitute the same legal, binding and valid obligations of the Issuer have existed, have happened and have been performed in due time, form and manner as required by law, and that the indebtedness of the Issuer, including this Bond and the issue of which it forms a part, does not exceed the limitations prescribed by the Constitution and statutes of the State of Louisiana.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Issuer, acting through its governing authority, the City Council of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana, has caused this Bond to be executed in the name of the Issuer by the signatures of the Mayor of the Issuer and Council Administrator of the City Council of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana and its corporate seal to be imprinted hereon.

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### FORM OF ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned, hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto

Please Insert Social Security or other I	Identifying Number of Assignee
the within Bond and all rights thereund	der, and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints
	attorney or agent to transfer the within Bond or
the books kept for registration thereof,	with full power of substitution in the premises.
Dated:	NOTICE: The signature to this assignment
	must correspond with the name as it appears

must correspond with the name as it appears upon the face of the within Bond in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or change whatever.

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#### LEGAL OPINION CERTIFICATE

The undersigned hereby certifies that the following approving legal opinion of Butler Snow LLP, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in substantially the following form, was delivered to the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana (the "*Issuer*"), and that the opinion was dated and issued as of the date of original delivery of and payment to the Issuer for the aforesaid Bonds.

I further certify that an executed copy of the above legal opinion is on file in my office, and that an executed copy thereof has been furnished to the Paying Agent for this Bond.

Thomas P. Reeves
Council Administrator
City Council of the City of Slidell,

State of Louisiana

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STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY

I, the undersigned Council Administrator of the City Council of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana (the "City Council") do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of an Ordinance adopted by the City Council on June 22, 2021, providing for the incurring of debt and issuance of not to exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) aggregate principal amount of City of Slidell, State of Louisiana General Obligation Refunding Bonds, in one or more series (the "Bonds"), prescribing the form, terms and conditions of the Bonds and the security therefor; designating the date, denomination and place of payment of such Bonds; providing for the payment of such Bonds in principal and interest; approving and confirming the sale of such Bonds; and providing for other matters with respect to the Bonds.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature and the impress of the official seal of said City Council of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana, on this 22nd day of June, 2021.

Thomas P. Reeves, Council Administrator

SEAL

## The Depository Trust Company A subsidiary of the Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation

#### **BLANKET ISSUER LETTER OF REPRESENTATIONS**

(To be completed by Issuer and Co-Issuer(s), if applicable)

	II, State of Louisiana
(Name of Issuer	and Co-Issuer(s), if applicable)
	June 22, 2021
	(Date)
The Depository Trust Company 18301 Bermuda Green Drive Tampa, FL 33647 Attention: Underwriting Department	
Ladies and Gentlemen:	
	ing with respect to all issues (the "Securities") that deposit by The Depository Trust Company ("DTC").
Issuer is: (Note: Issuer shall represent one a	nd cross out the other.)
incorporated in [formed under the laws of	the State of Louisiana
accordance with DTC's Rules with respect will comply with the requirements stated i amended from time to time.	rities as eligible for deposit at DTC, and to act in to the Securities, Issuer represents to DTC that issuer in DTC's Operational Arrangements, as they may be Very truly yours,
Note: Schedule A contains statements that DTC believes accurately describe DTC, the method of effecting book-entry transfers of securities distributed through DTC, and certain related matters.	By: (Authorized Officer's Signature)
	Greg Cromer, Mayor  (Print Name)  2055 Second Street  (Street Address)
	Slidell, Louisiana 70460 (City) (State) (Country) (Zip Code)
	(985) 646-4332
DTCC	(Phone Number) gcromer@cityofslidell.org
Address)	(E-mail