Introduced January 11, 2022, by Councilwoman Denham, seconded by Councilman Dunham, (by request of Administration)

Item No. 22-01-3407

ORDINANCE NO. 4065

An ordinance amending and restating Section 21-26 (Automobile allowance) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell to modify the eligibility for, and maximum rate of, an automobile allowance and to take action in accordance therewith.

WHEREAS, the City desires to narrow the scope of persons working for the City who receive an automobile allowance to the Mayor and Chief of Police and to integrate the allowances previously received by other City employees into the respective employee's salaried compensation (there being a neutral effect on the employee's take home pay for said employees); and

WHEREAS, the City also desires to amend the maximum rate of the automobile allowance to conform to current market rates.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council that Section 21-26 (Automobile allowance) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell is amended and restated to read as follows:

- (a) The Mayor and the Chief of Police shall be eligible for an automobile allowance of no more than Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800.00) per month. Said officials shall be responsible for all operating expenses for a personal vehicle of their respective choosing including, but not limited to, maintenance, upkeep, insurance, fuel, repairs, tires, fluids, cleaning and every other cost associated with the operation of their respective personal vehicle.
- (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), any City elected official or employee who travels in his/her personal vehicle for a distance in excess of 50 miles in a single trip while on authorized city business (workplace commutes excepted) may seek reimbursement for mileage in excess of 50

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> miles at the prevailing rate established by the Internal Revenue Service upon submission of documentation acceptable to the city's department of finance.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council that City employees (excluding the Mayor and Chief of Police) who received an automobile allowance at the time of the adoption of this ordinance shall have that allowance integrated into their respective salaried compensation, consistent with appropriations made in the revised Revenue, Expense and Capital Budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 (first supplemental budget).

BE IT FINALLY ORDINED that this ordinance shall take effect February 14, 2022.

ADOPTED this 8th day of February, 2022.

Leslie Denham

President of the Council Councilwoman, District A

Greg Cromer

Mayor

Thomas P. Reeves Council Administrator

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2/9/22 10:45 cm to the Mayor

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Denham

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11:00 am from the Mayor

Sec. 21-26. Automobile allowance.

- (a) Any employee or elected official who receives an automobile allowance from the city shall be responsible [for] all operating expenses for a personal vehicle of their choosing including, but not limited to, maintenance, upkeep, insurance, fuel, repairs, tires, fluids, cleaning and every other cost associated with the operation of their personal vehicle.
- (b) The amount of the automobile allowance shall be no more than \$550.00 dollars per month.
- (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), employees or elected officials who receive an automobile allowance from the city and who travel in their personal vehicle for a distance in excess of 50 miles in a single trip while on city business may seek reimbursement for mileage in excess of 50 miles at the prevailing rate established by the Internal Revenue Service upon submission of documentation acceptable to the city's department of finance. (Ord. No. 3542, 8-11-2009)

Secs. 21-27-21-45. Reserved.

ARTICLE III. RISK MANAGEMENT, INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION

Sec. 21-46. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Board or commission means any board or commission, created by Charter, ordinance, city council action or mayor action.

Budget unit means any department, division or function of the city's administrative service including the office of mayor and city council.

City means the city and all its council members, officers, employees (when acting within the scope of their authority), boards, commissions or other city-created entities.

Claim means any demand made for the payment of money damages from the city by any person or entity, in the nature of a tort claim, excluding:

- Any demand based solely on the assertion of a claim within the jurisdiction of a civil service board;
- A demand relating solely to salary or employment benefits;
- A demand based solely on contract rights or issues;
- (4) A demand arising solely out of any right or claim of right to property, its use or transfer;
- (5) A demand based on taxes; or
- (6) Any solely nonmonetary demand.

Claim cost means any internal or external cost or expense incurred by the city in response to any claim against the city, including insurance or bond policy costs; contractual services costs; and legal defense costs.

Risk fund means any fund or account established by the risk manager for the purpose of paying claims and claim costs.

SIR means self-insurance retention.

SIR claim means any claim not covered by the loss payable provisions of an insurance or indemnity policy.

SIR costs means any claim cost arising from a SIR claim.

(Code 1966, § 2-71)

Cross reference—Definitions generally, § 1-2.

Sec. 21-47. Reserved.

Editor's note—Ord. No. 3016, adopted July 10, 2001, repealed § 21-47, which pertained to participation in a risk management program. See the Code Comparative Table.

Sec. 21-48. Duties and responsibilities of the risk manager and city attorney.

(a) The risk manager shall have the responsibility for the fiscal and administrative management of all claims as defined in this article, including SIR claims, against the city;