Introduced April 10, 2007, by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Kingston

RESOLUTION R07-12

A resolution urging the U. S. Postal Service to keep the mail sorting operation for the three parishes on the north shore in the Mandeville Post Office.

WHEREAS, the Mandeville Post Office has sorted mail for three parishes of the north shore for the past twelve years; and

WHEREAS, the mail processing plant in New Orleans was damaged in Hurricane Katrina which caused first class and priority mail to be delayed; and

WHEREAS, there was no service at that time for express mail (overnight), magazines and third class mail; and

WHEREAS, the post office plans to put New Orleans back into full operation, but wants to add the sorting operations that are presently being done on the north shore and have been done on the north shore for the last 50 years; and

WHEREAS, moving sorting operations to New Orleans will take 49 jobs from St. Tammany Parish; and

WHEREAS, moving sorting operations to New Orleans will cause mail collection times to be moved to earlier in the day to accommodate the necessary truck schedules to put this plan into place; and

WHEREAS, similar plans to consolidate mail operations have been rejected through public debate in communities around the country that were not affected by storms.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Slidell City Council that it does hereby urge the U.S. Postal Service to keep the mail sorting operation for the three parishes on the north shore in the Mandeville Post Office.

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ADOPTED this 10th day of April, 2007.

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