Introduced April 22, 2014, by Councilman Cusimano, seconded by Councilwoman Harbison, (by request of Administration)

#### **RESOLUTION R14-10**

A resolution authorizing the publication of a Notice of Intention to create the MY Hotels Economic Development District, State of Louisiana, and to levy a 2% sales and use tax tax and a 2% Hotel Occupancy Tax therein, under the authority of Part II, Chapter 27 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 33:9038.31 et seg.); and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, Part II, Chapter 27, Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 33:9038.31, et seq.) (the "EDD Act") authorizes municipalities, parishes and certain other local governmental subdivisions to create economic development districts to carry out the purposes of the Act, which economic development districts are political subdivisions of the State of Louisiana and possess such power and authority and have such duties as provided by the EDD Act and other law; and

WHEREAS, the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana (the "City"), acting through this City Council as its governing authority, desires to avail itself of the EDD Act to create an economic development district to be called the "MY Hotels Economic Development District Economic Development District, State of Louisiana" (the "District"), in accordance with La. R.S. 33:9038.32, in which local and State sales tax increments are expected to be determined and used to fund the Slidell Holiday Inn Express Economic Development District Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 33:9038.39 further permits such economic development districts to levy sales and use taxes at a rate up to two percent (2%) for authorized purposes and/or hotel occupancy taxes at a rate of up to two percent (2%); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the EDD Act, particularly La. R.S. 33:9038.32 and La. R.S. 33:9038.39, the City now desires to give notice of its intention and to hold a public hearing relative to (1) the proposed creation of the District and (2) the proposed levy of a sales and use tax and a hotel occupancy tax therein, which notice shall be published in the City's official journal two (2) times prior to the public hearing, the first publication to appear at least fourteen (14) days before the date of the public hearing;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Slidell City Council, acting as the governing authority of the City of Slidell. State of Louisiana, that:

SECTION 1. Intention to Create Economic Development District. In accordance with the EDD Act, and particularly La. R.S. 33:9038.32 and La. R.S. 33:9038.39, this governing authority does hereby give notice of its intention to create an economic development district to be called the "MY Hotels Economic Development District Economic Development District, State of Louisiana," and to levy therein a two

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percent (2%) sales and use tax and a two percent (2%) hotel occupancy tax pursuant to La. R.S. 33:9038.39 for the purpose of paying the costs of economic development projects as defined in La. R.S. 33:9038.34(M) and La. R.S. 33:9038.36.

The proposed economic development district shall have the boundaries described in Exhibit A to this resolution.

SECTION 2. Notice of Intention. The Council Administrator is authorized and directed to publish a notice of intention, in substantially the following form, which notice shall be published in the City's official journal two (2) times prior to the public hearing, the first publication to appear at least fourteen (14) days before the date of the public hearing:

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CREATE AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT IN THE CITY OF SLIDELL, STATE OF LOUISIANA, AND TO LEVY A

2% SALES AND USE TAX AND A

2% HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX THEREIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority), acting as the governing authority of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana (the "City") proposes to consider the adoption of an ordinance, pursuant to La. R.S. 33:9038.32, creating an economic development district within the City to be called the "MY Hotels Economic Development District Economic Development District, State of Louisiana" (the "District").

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that upon the creation of the District, the Governing Authority, in its capacity as the governing authority of the newly created District, further proposes to consider the adoption of an ordinance, pursuant to La. R.S. 33:9038.39, levying in the District an additional two percent (2.00%) sales and use tax and an additional two percent (2.00%) hotel occupancy tax, for the purpose of financing economic development projects, as defined in La. R.S. 33: 9038.34(M) and La. R.S. 33:9038.36 (the "District Taxes"). The proceeds of the District Taxes, together with the incremental revenues of any other City sales taxes designated by this Governing Authority for such purposes, will be deposited in a special trust fund to be used for the furtherance of economic development projects within the District, all pursuant to the authority of Part II, Chapter 27, Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 33:9038.31, et seq.).

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN in accordance with Section 2-263 of the Slidell Code of Ordinances that the City intends to enter into a professional services

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contract with Adams and Reese LLP, in the City of New Orleans, Louisiana, which may exceed \$15,000 for legal services in connection with the creation of the District and the levy of sales and use taxes in the District, and the negotiation, authorization and approval of a cooperative endeavor agreement with respect thereto.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority, acting as the governing authority of both the City the District, will meet in open and public session on Tuesday, April 22, 2014, at six-thirty o'clock (6:30) p.m., at the City Hall Meeting Room, 2055 Second St., Slidell, Louisiana 70459, to hear any objections to the creation of the District and/or the proposed levy of the District Taxes as described above.

A description of the boundaries of the proposed District, and a map of the proposed District, are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

[LEGAL DESCRIPTION & MAP, AS SHOWN IN EXHIBIT A TO THIS RESOLUTION, TO BE ATTACHED TO NOTICE IN PUBLICATIONS]

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SECTION 3. Public Hearing. At the date, time and place mentioned in the aforesaid Notice of Intention, or at such other time and place as may be determined by the Mayor and properly advertised, this Governing Authority will meet in open and public session, to hear any objections to the proposed creation of the District and the levy of the sales and use tax and/or the hotel occupancy tax described above, and may consider the adoption of ordinances creating the district and levying the aforesaid taxes.

SECTION 4. Authorization of Officers. The Mayor, President of the Council and the Council Administrator are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to do any and all things necessary and incidental to carry out the provisions of this resolution.

SECTION 5. Employment of Special Counsel. This governing authority finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of special counsel in connection with the creation of the District, the levy of sales and use taxes in the District, and the negotiation, authorization and approval of a cooperative endeavor agreement with respect thereto, and accordingly Adams and Reese LLP, of New Orleans, Louisiana, are hereby employed as special counsel in connection with the foregoing. Said special counsel shall prepare and submit to this governing authority for adoption all of the proceedings incidental to the foregoing, and shall counsel and advise the City, the District and this governing authority in connection with the foregoing. The fee of special counsel in connection with the foregoing shall be negotiated between the Mayor and special counsel and shall be paid by the beneficiary of the creation of the District, or their successors or assigns. In accordance with Section 4-02(D) of the Slidell City Charter, the

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Mayor of the City is authorized to negotiate and enter into a written contract with special counsel in connection with the foregoing matters.

This resolution and the notice of intention contained herein shall also serve as public notification required by Section 2-263 of the Slidell Code of Ordinances that the City intends to enter into a professional services contract with Adams and Reese LLP, in the City of New Orleans, Louisiana, which exceeds \$15,000 for legal services in connection with the creation of the District, the levy of sales and use taxes and hotel occupancy taxes in the District, and the negotiation, authorization and approval of a cooperative endeavor agreement with respect thereto.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

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**ABSTAINING:** 

And the resolution was declared adopted on this 22nd day of April, 2014.

Landon Cusimano

President of the Council

Councilman-at-Large

Thomas P. Reeves
Council Administrator

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### EXHIBIT A to Notice of Intent Resolution

### BOUNDARIES AND MAP OF PROPOSED MY HOTELS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

A CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN SECTION 37, T8S---R14E,ST. TAMMANY, PARISH, LOUISIANA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

**THE POINT OF BEGINNING**: commencing at the intersection of the west margin of Northshore Boulevard Frontage Road and the north margin of Holiday Boulevard, thence proceed North 10 Degrees 06 Minutes 19 Seconds West for a distance of 249.34 feet to a point and corner, thence North 15 Degrees 48 Minutes 20 Seconds West for a distance of 86.39 feet to the **point of beginning**:

THENCE South 89 degrees 06 minutes 07 seconds West for a distance of 595.97 feet to point and corner;

THENCE North 00 degrees 53 minutes 53 seconds West for a distance of 135.00 feet to point and corner;

THENCE North 89 degrees 06 minutes 07 seconds East for a distance of 529.87 feet to point and corner;

THENCE South 39 degrees 02 minutes 48 seconds East for a distance of 73.87 feet to point and corner;

THENCE South 15 degrees 48 minutes 20 seconds East for a distance of 79.59 feet back to the point of beginning.

Together with and subject to covenants, easements, and restrictions of record. Said property contains 1.771 acres more or less.

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STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY

I, the undersigned Council Administrator of City of Slidell, State of Louisiana (the "City"), do hereby certify that the foregoing six (6) pages constitute a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the governing authority of the City on April 22, 2014, authorizing the publication of a Notice of Intention to create the MY Hotels Economic Development District, State of Louisiana, and to levy a two percent (2.00%) sales and use tax and an additional two percent (2.00%) hotel occupancy tax therein, under the authority of Part II, Chapter 27 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 33:9038.31 et seq.); and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature and the impress of the official seal of the City on this the 22nd day of April, 2014.

(SEAL)

Thomas P. Reeves Council Administrator

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(SEAL)	Thomas P. Reeves
	Council Administrator