

1 Introduced September 8, 2020, by Councilman
2 Tamborella, seconded by Councilwoman
3 Denham, (by request of Administration)

4 **RESOLUTION R20-28**

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6 A resolution adopting the *2020 St. Tammany Parish Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard*
7 *Mitigation Plan Update*.

8 WHEREAS, Slidell is subject to tropical storms, flooding, tornadoes, and other
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10 natural hazards that can damage property, close businesses, and present public health
11 and safety hazards; and

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13 WHEREAS, having an adopted and approved hazard mitigation plan makes
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15 the City an eligible applicant for hazard mitigation assistance grants administered by
16 FEMA; and

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18 WHEREAS, the City adopted a hazard mitigation plan in 2006 and updated it
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20 in 2010; and

21 WHEREAS, in 2015, Slidell joined other jurisdictions in the parish in a multi-
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23 jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan – the *2015 St. Tammany Parish Hazard Mitigation*
24 *Plan Update* – which the City Council adopted on May 26, 2015 (R15-18) and the
25 Governor’s Office of Homeland Security (GOHSEP) and the Federal Emergency
26 Management Agency (FEMA) approved on August 3, 2015; and

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29 WHEREAS, the 2015 plan expired on July 28, 2020; and

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31 WHEREAS, in early 2020, St. Tammany Parish Government and the
32 Stephenson Disaster Management Institute (SDMI) at Louisiana State University, in
33 coordination with GOHSEP, began the process to update the 2015 plan; and
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4 WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the City Council agreed to participate in the
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6 2015 plan update and appointed four individuals to the plan update steering committee
7 (R20-06); and
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9 WHEREAS, the process experienced delays due to COVID-19 restrictions;
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11 and

12 WHEREAS, on August 31, 2020, SDMI forwarded a final draft of the *2020 St.*
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14 *Tammany Parish Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update* to the Parish and
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16 participating jurisdictions for adoption, which draft is substantially complete but may have
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18 minor edits and be updated from time to time; and

19 WHEREAS, the City of Slidell and all participating jurisdictions should adopt
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21 the 2020 update as soon as practicable, as the 2015 plan has expired and we are at the
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23 peak of an active hurricane season.

24 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Slidell City Council that it
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26 hereby adopts the *2020 St. Tammany Parish Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan*
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28 *Update*.

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30 **ADOPTED** this 8th day of September, 2020.

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33 Kenny Tamborella
34 President of the Council
35 Councilman, District E

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38 Thomas P. Reeves
39 Council Administrator