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Councilman Washington; Co-sponsored by
Councilman Singletary; seconded by
Councilman Caruso

Item No. 82-2-431

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Amendments # 2 & 3

ORDINANCE NO. 1498

PUBLIC TRANSIT ORDINANCE

SECTION 1. Defined.

A bus within the meaning of this article is defined to be a motor or power driven vehicle or conveyance capable of carrying twelve (12) to eighteen (18) passengers, including the driver or operator therefor, in the City of Slidell for hire or any other consideration, excluding railroads and other common carriers.

SECTION 2. Occupational License Required.

It shall be unlawful to operate a bus or bus business unless an occupational license therefor has been obtained in accordance with Chapter 17 of the City of Slidell Code of Ordinances. The occupational license shall be prominently displayed in the vehicles at all times.

SECTION 3. Insurance Prerequisite to License.

Before any person shall be issued a bus occupational license he shall submit satisfactory proof that he has in force liability insurance issued by an insurance company authorized to do business in the State of Louisiana, which policy shall be satisfactory to the governing authority and shall be in the following amount or more:

(a) For the death or injury of any one person, Two Hundred Fifty Thousand and No/100ths (\$250,000) Dollars;

(b) For the death or injury of more than one person arising out of any one accident, Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand and No/100ths (\$750,000) Dollars;

(c) For damage to property, One Hundred Fifty Thousand and No/100ths (\$150,000) Dollars;

(d) Policy of insurance shall show payment of the premium by the applicant for a period of six (6) months. Notice of cancellation by the insurance company shall be reported to the governing authority.

SECTION 4. Duty to Keep Insurance in Effect, Operate According to Law, License Revocation.

Said insurance as set forth in Section 3 hereof shall be constantly kept in full force and effect for the maximum amount thereof during all of the

1 time the license is in effect. Failure to maintain said insurance as herein set
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3 forth or to operate said bus service in accordance with the ordinances of the
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5 City and the laws of the State of Louisiana upon the highways, streets, and
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7 alleyways of the City shall constitute grounds for the revocation of said
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9 license by the City.

10 SECTION 5. Regulation and Supervision Established.

11 The following rules and regulations shall govern buses within the
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13 City of Slidell. Before any person shall be issued a bus occupational license
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15 the following conditions must be met:
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18 (a) Operator(s) must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age;

19 (b) The operator(s) must be in possession of a current Louisiana
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21 Chauffeur's License;

22 (c) Operator(s) must submit to a police check to be conducted by
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24 the Slidell Police Department. One (1) felony conviction or more than three (3)
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26 misdemeanor convictions over the past five (5) years will automatically disqualify
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28 the applicant from receiving the bus occupational license. Further, any conviction
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30 of driving while intoxicated, reckless operation of a motor vehicle, and/or hit
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32 and run driving within the past five (5) years will be considered an automatic
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37 (d) The owner(s) of the bus service must supply the City with a local
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39 telephone number and a local address. The operator(s) of the vehicle, if
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41 different from the owner, must supply the City with a local telephone number.
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44 (e) The operator(s) must obtain a bus driver's permit from the City.
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46 This permit shall contain the operator's name and address, the owner's name,
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48 address, and telephone number, and a current picture of the operator. The
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50 operator is required to supply the City with two (2) current passport size
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52 pictures for this purpose and pay the City a Ten and No/100ths (\$10.00) Dollars
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54 permit fee. The bus driver's permit shall be prominently displayed in the
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56 vehicle at all times.
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58 (f) Regulation of Vehicle to be Utilized as a Bus:

59 (1) The vehicle must be in good mechanical condition and
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61 display a current Louisiana inspection certificate. Additionally,
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63 each bus operated shall be provided with proper interior illumination,
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65 and shall display a sign, illuminated at night, showing the designation
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1 of the route. All motor buses shall be kept in a clean and sanitary
2 condition, and shall be equipped with fire extinguishers. Vehicles
3 purchased for the express use of serving as buses within the City of
4 Slidell shall be no older than three (3) years at the time of their
5 purchase. Said vehicle may remain in service indefinitely as long
6 as they comply with the safety standards of the State of Louisiana
7 and the other provisions of this ordinance.
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15 (2) Said vehicles must be registered in the owner's(s) name
16 with the City, giving class, type, seating capacity, make, manufacturer,
17 and serial number. The owner(s) is(are) required to pay a fee of
18 Ten and No/100ths (\$10,00) Dollars for this registration. The
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27 (3) Change of ownership of or title to any vehicle for the
28 operation of which a registration certificate has been issued here-
29 under shall automatically revoke such certificates unless the City
30 is notified of such a change and transfers the unexpired portion of
31 said certificates to the new owner or to a substitute vehicle in
32 case of destruction or replacement of vehicle for which the original
33 permit was issued.
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41 (4) Upon receipt of the driver's permit, vehicle registration
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43 must have said vehicle clearly marked as a bus and include the owner's(s)
44 name, address and telephone number. The owner's(s) telephone number
45 must be prominently displayed on the left rear bumper of the vehicle.
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50 SECTION 6. Use of Streets, City Rights-of-Way, Designation of Bus Stops.
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53 (a) Those roadways designated by the City's Traffic Engineer within
54 the City of Slidell shall be off-limits to buses used as common carriers.
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57 (b) No common bus carrier shall utilize City rights-of-way as
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59 been approved by the City's Traffic Engineer.
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63 (c) Locations designated as bus stops must be approved by the City's
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67 (d) Prior to the implementation of any bus routes, the owner(s) of
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any public transit system operating within the city limits of Slidell shall hold a public hearing, duly advertised, on the proposed routes. The Minutes of said public hearing shall be submitted to the Slidell City Council. The Slidell City Council may, for cause, reject or alter any proposed bus route.

SECTION 7. Bond Required.

No person shall conduct and carry on the business of transporting passengers on indicated routes and for a uniform fare, nor be permitted to use and employ in the conduct and carrying on of such business, any such vehicle until such person shall have first filed with the City an indemnity bond in the sum of Ten Thousand and No/100ths (\$10,000) Dollars for each and every vehicle so used and employed.

SECTION 8. Subsidization.

The City of Slidell shall not subsidize any person, firm, or corporation granted a license under this ordinance.

ADOPTED this 23rd day of March, 1982.

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