Introduced April 25, 2000, by Councilman Singletary, seconded by Councilman Kingston

Item No. 99-10-2122

ORDINANCE NO. 2941

An ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell to require a Traffic Impact Analysis for certain developments within the City of Slidell.

WHEREAS, Subdivision Regulations and Standard Subdivision Specifications govern the standards by which property is developed; and

WHEREAS, development which generates excessive traffic results in additional cost in both road maintenance and delays; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary by the City of Slidell to assure that the traffic generated by development does not overburden the existing transportation system.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council in legal session convened, that the Code of Ordinances, City of Slidell, Louisiana, are amended as follows:

Add a new Appendix to the Code of Ordinances, City of Slidell, Louisiana, as follows:

APPENDIX D.2-TRAFFIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

PART 1. PURPOSE AND INTENT

The purpose and intent of this Appendix is to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens and visitors of the City of Slidell by ensuring the provision of safe and adequate roadway facilities. The provisions of this Appendix establish requirements for transportation studies that provide information on traffic projected to be generated by proposed developments. It is the further intent of this Appendix to establish requirements for the identification of any potential traffic operational problems or concerns, as well as potential solutions to such problems or concerns.

PART 2. WHEN REQUIRED

A Traffic Impact Analysis shall be required for each development when the following traffic peak hour trips are exceeded.

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- If the Institute of Transportation Engineers Trip Generation Manual indicates that the proposed development shall generate an equal or a less amount of traffic than the existing development, then no traffic impact analysis shall be required.
- 2. If the Institute of Transportation Engineers Trip Generation Manual indicates that the proposed development shall generate more traffic than fifty (50) peak hour trips, then the following shall apply:
 - A. LIMITED TRAFFIC IMPACT ANALYSIS. If the proposed development shall generate greater than fifty (50) and less than one hundred fifty (150) peak hour trips, either in AM or PM, the developer shall submit a Limited Traffic Impact Analysis which shall include the following:
 - (1) The proposed trip generation and distribution.
 - (2) The source of the information submitted, for example the Institute of Transportation Engineers Trip Generation Manual. If a source other than the Institute of Transportation Engineers Trip Generation Manual is used, then a comparison between the source used and the Institute of Transportation Engineers Trip Generation Manual shall be submitted.
 - (3) An analysis of the ingress and egress of the development in relation to the level of service on the adjacent roadway system.
 - (4) The study shall include recommendations for any roadway or intersection improvements to maintain the existing level of service.
 - (5) An analysis of the roadway capacity, whether existing or proposed, on all roadway links abutting the proposed development site and identification of roadway and/or intersection improvements necessary in order to maintain the existing level of service.

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- (6) An analysis of the capacity and of the level of service of the nearest signalized intersection in each direction from the major entrances into the development.
- B. COMPREHENSIVE TRAFFIC IMPACT ANALYSIS. If the proposed development shall generate greater than one hundred fifty (150) peak hour trips, either AM or PM, the developer shall submit a Comprehensive Traffic Impact Analysis which shall include the following:
 - (1) All requirements of A (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), and (6) above.
 - (2) Graphs, maps and charts showing how the traffic shall be distributed onto the existing transportation network within a minimum of one-half mile of the proposed development, and an analysis of the capacity and of the level of service of each roadway link and intersection within this area for both existing and proposed conditions.
 - (3) Recommendations as to how any deficiencies determined by the analysis shall be resolved, including signalization and roadway geometrics.

PART 3. PROCEDURES

Pre-Approval of the Study Firm:

Prior to submission of the traffic impact analysis to the Planning Department and to the Engineering Department, the developer shall submit the qualifications of the planner and of the engineer that shall perform the traffic impact analysis to the Planning Department and to the Engineering Department for their approval. The principal in charge of the traffic impact analysis shall, at a minimum, be a licensed engineer with a specialization in traffic study, or shall be a licensed engineer with a specialization in traffic engineering, and shall have at least five (5) years of experience in traffic engineering, or, shall be a planner with an American Institute of

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Certified Planners certification and shall have at least five (5) years of experience in transportation planning.

PART 4. SUBMISSION OF TRAFFIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

No traffic impact analysis shall be accepted by the Planning Department or by the Engineering Department unless a proposal of the traffic impact analysis, an outline of the proposed traffic impact analysis, and the required professional qualifications are first presented to the Planning Department and the Engineering Department for their review and approval.

PART 5. TRAFFIC IMPACT ANALYSIS CONTENTS AND FORMAT

A traffic impact analysis shall contain, but not be limited to, the following:

- 1. A map of the specific study area.
- 2. Existing land uses within five hundred feet (500') of the proposed development from any point of contact with the property line
- 3. Trip generation
- 4. Trip distribution: one (1) year, two (2) year, three (3) year traffic assignments
- 5. Capacity analysis on adjacent and integral roadways
- 6. Accident incident data within one-half (1/2) mile of site
- 7. Traffic assignments and capacity analysis
- 8. Existing data on signalization affecting the site, including geometrics of the signal, type signal, and any other pertinent data that shall affect the upgrading of the signals
- 9. Recommendations and findings

PART 6. FINAL APPROVAL

The approval of the Director of Planning and of the City Engineer of the traffic impact analysis shall be required prior to final approval of the development and prior to the issuance of building permits.

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PART 7. ACTIONS BASED ON TRAFFIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

When a proposed development which is subject to the traffic impact analysis requirements of this Appendix demonstrates that the proposed development shall overburden the roadway system or cause a reduction in service of affected roadway below the adopted level of service, an applicant may be required by the Planning Department and the Engineering Department to modify the development proposal to minimize the identified traffic related impacts. Modifications to applications for a development may include, but shall not be limited to:

- 1. A reduction in the projected vehicle trips per day;
- 2. Dedication of additional rights of way;
- 3. Rerouting of traffic and proposed access points serving the proposed project, subdivision or development; or
- Participation in funding transportation off-site facilities, including signals and intersection improvements deemed necessary by the traffic impact analysis.
- Other actions deemed necessary as demonstrated by the traffic impact analysis and deemed appropriate by the Planning Department or by the Engineering Department.

PART 8. CONFLICTS REPEALED

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

PART 9. SEVERABILITY

If any provisions of this ordinance shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other provisions herein, which can be given effect without the invalid provision, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are to be severable.

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ADOPTED this 25th day of April, 2000.

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