

1 Introduced January 23, 2024, by Councilman  
2 Tamborella, seconded by Councilwoman  
3 Haggerty, (by request of Administration)

4 **Item No. 24-01-3510**

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6 **ORDINANCE NO. 4159**

7 An ordinance authorizing a cooperative endeavor agreement and ancillary  
8 legislative office space lease between the City of Slidell and Robert "Bob" Owen, Louisiana  
9 State Senator, District 1.

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11 WHEREAS, Robert "Bob" Owen is the Louisiana State Senator for District 1,  
12 which district includes the City of Slidell; and

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14 WHEREAS, Senator Owen, in his capacity as an elected senator of the  
15 Louisiana State Senate, has need for office space in his district to best serve his  
16 constituents, and La. R.S. 41:1291 allows for the lease of property between public entities  
17 without a need for advertisement for bids; and

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21 WHEREAS, the City of Slidell has office space available located at 250  
22 Bouscaren Street, Suite 201, Slidell, Louisiana, and it has determined that it is beneficial  
23 for its residents that Senator Owen maintain an office in the city limits; and

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26 WHEREAS, Senator Owen desires to lease said space in connection with his  
27 official legislative duties; and

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30 WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 14(C) of the Constitution of the State of  
31 Louisiana provides that "[f]or a public purpose, the state and its political subdivisions . . .  
32 may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other . . . or with any public or private  
33 association, corporation, or individual".  
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4 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council that it does  
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6 authorize and approve a cooperative endeavor agreement between the City of Slidell and  
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8 Senator Robert "Bob" Owen, Louisiana State Senator, District 1, in substantially the form  
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10 attached hereto as "Exhibit 1", along with the ancillary legislative office space lease  
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12 attached thereto, any prior occupancy being ratified therein, and the Mayor of the City of  
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14 Slidell is hereby authorized to sign and approve any and all documents necessary to  
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16 implement said agreements.

17 **ADOPTED** this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

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20 Kenny Tamborella  
21 President of the Council  
22 Councilman, District E

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24 Greg Cromer  
25 Mayor

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28 Thomas P. Reeves  
29 Council Administrator

DELIVERED	2/29/24
8:40am	to the Mayor
RECEIVED	3/5/24
11:00 am	from the Mayor

**COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT**

This COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT (this "Agreement"), is made and entered into effective as of the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024 (the "Effective Date") and is by and between the City of Slidell, Louisiana, a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana, hereinafter referred to as the "COS", and Senator Robert "Bob" Owen, Member of the Louisiana State Senate, District 1, hereinafter referred to as "Senator Owen".

**WITNESSETH:**

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 14(C) of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana provides that "[f]or a public purpose, the state and its political subdivisions . . . may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other . . . or with any public or private association, corporation, or individual"; and

WHEREAS, Senator Owen is a senator of the Louisiana State Senate for District 1, which district includes the COS; and

WHEREAS, Senator Owen, in his capacity as an elected senator of the Louisiana State Senate, has need for office space in his district to best serve his constituents, and La. R.S. 41:1291 allows for the lease of property between public entities without a need for advertisement for bids; and

WHEREAS, the COS has office space available and has determined that it is beneficial for its residents that Senator Owen maintain an office in the city limits and Senator Owen desires same; and

WHEREAS, it is in the mutual interest of the COS and Senator Owen that the office space be provided at a reasonable reduced rate, as set forth in the lease attached hereto as Exhibit "A", given the mutual benefits to both parties, particularly the increased access of the public to one of their elected officials serving in the state legislature, and vice versa.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, the parties hereto agree as follows:

The COS:

1. shall lease 846 square feet of office space (725 square feet inside and 121 square feet of balcony space outside) in the COS building located at 250 Bouscaren Street to Senator Owen for his official use, under the terms set forth in the lease attached hereto as Exhibit "A", which lease the COS shall execute.

Senator Owen:

1. shall lease 846 square feet of office space (725 square feet inside and 121 square feet of balcony space outside) in the COS building located at 250 Bouscaren Street from the COS for his official use, under the terms set forth in the lease attached hereto as Exhibit "A", which lease he shall execute; and
2. agrees to hold harmless, defend, and indemnify the COS, and the COS's officers, directors, employees, and agents, from and against any and all claims, losses, liabilities, demands, suits, causes of action, damages, and judgments, of whatever

# EXHIBIT 1

nature, which arise out of or are related any act or omission of Robert "Bob" Owen, or his employees or agents, with respect to their operations under the aforementioned lease.

This Agreement shall remain effective as long as the underlying lease, as may be amended or extended from time to time, is in effect.

**THUS DONE AND SIGNED** on the dates listed below, effective as of the Effective Date.

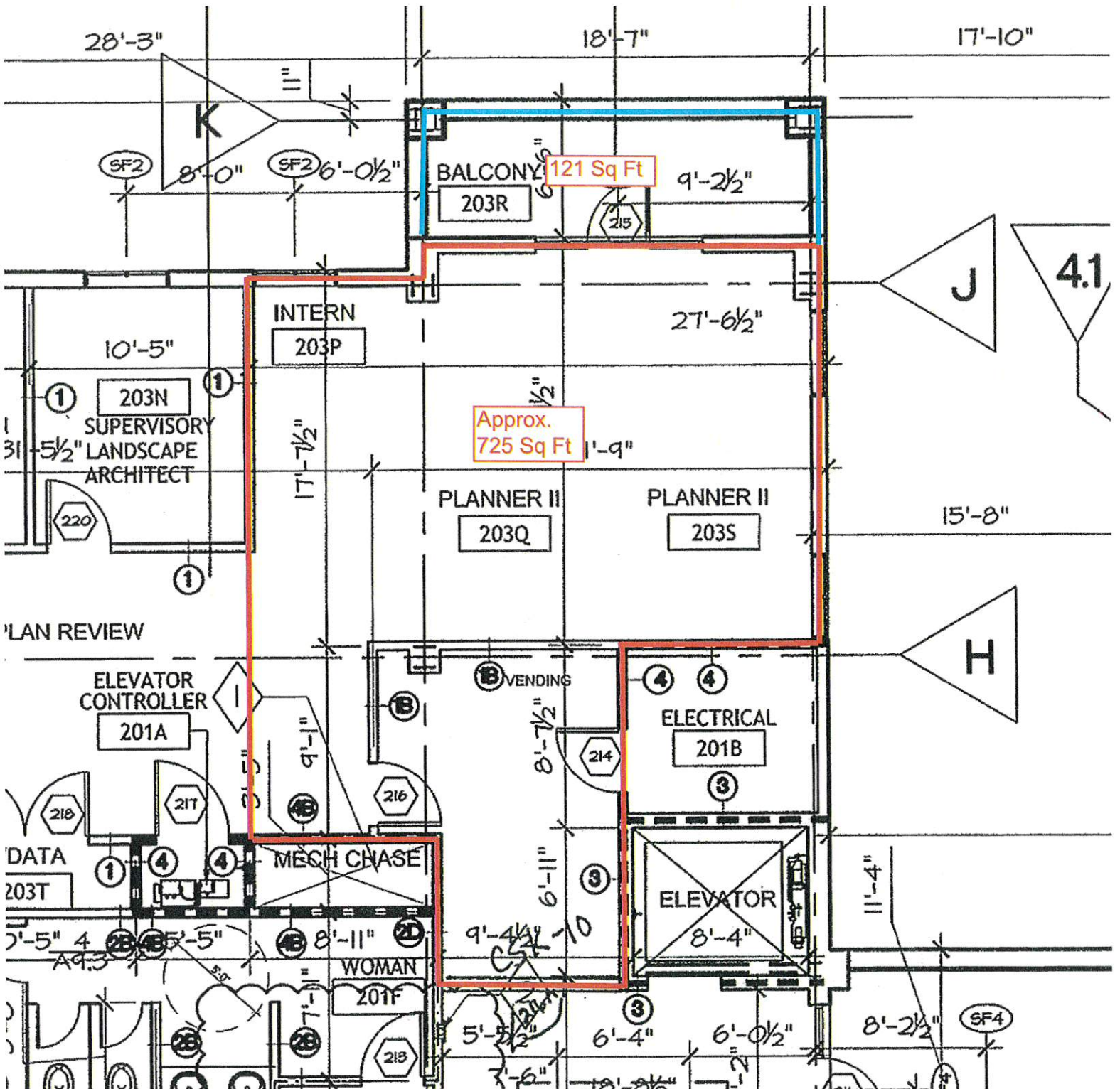
## **CITY OF SLIDELL**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
George G. Cromer, Mayor

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Robert "Bob" Owen, Louisiana State Senate District #1 Senator**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_



LEASE AGREEMENT

FOR

LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPACE

This is a lease agreement between the City of Slidell ("Lessor") and Robert "Bob" Owen, Louisiana State Senator, District #1 ("Lessee"), for lease of office space located at 250 Bouscaren Street, Suite 201, Slidell, Louisiana. The leased space consists of 846 square feet, as identified in the floor plan, a copy of which is attached hereto as Addendum 1. The monthly lease payments shall be Two Hundred Fifty and No/100 (\$250.00) Dollars. In addition to the space utilized for the legislative offices, the Lessor shall also provide utilities, maintenance, fax machine access, visitor parking, janitorial services, access to restrooms, use of waiting areas, and pre-scheduled reasonable use of building conference areas. The space shall only be used by Lessee in connection with the official legislative duties of Lessee, and not in connection with any private activity.

The term of the lease shall begin on \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, and shall run until January 8, 2028. The rent shall be payable on the last day of each month for said month (prorated for any partial month) and shall be remitted to the City of Slidell, Attention: Finance Director, at P.O. Box 828, Slidell, LA 70459-0828.

Lessee may terminate this lease upon thirty (30) days written notice in the event that Lessee no longer holds the office of Senator for Louisiana Senate District #1, or in the event that funding for the legislative district office is reduced or eliminated. Lessor may also terminate this lease in the event of any non-payment of the rent which is not cured within ten (10) days of notice by Lessor to Lessee of same or if the space is used for anything other than operations in connection with the official legislative duties of Lessee. Lessor may also terminate this lease upon one hundred eighty (180) days written notice if it has need of the of the leased space for its municipal operations.

Lessor acknowledges that the Lessee may designate the Louisiana State Senate as Lessee's agent whose mandate is limited to paying the rent on the leased premises.

This lease is for the purpose of providing office space for the member named in this instrument; no title, allowances, premiums, or anything of value shall inure to the benefit of the member at any time because of this agreement. The member named in this lease is not related by marriage or through blood relations in the first degree to anyone who has a financial interest either directly or indirectly in the property leased by the member.

Lessor agrees to carry fire and extended coverage insurance on the building structure equal to at least 80% of its value.

All of the covenants, provisions, terms, agreements, stipulations, and conditions of this lease shall inure to the benefit of and shall be binding upon the heirs, successors, and assigns of the respective parties hereto. However, the lease shall not be binding upon the heirs or successors of the Lessee.

Thus done and signed as of the dates set forth below, effective as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

LESSEE:

LESSOR:

CITY OF SLIDELL

\_\_\_\_\_  
Robert "Bob" Owen  
Louisiana State Senator, District No. 1

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
George G. Cromer  
Mayor

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_