

1 Introduced May 28, 2024, by Councilman  
2 Tamborella, seconded by Councilwoman  
3 Haggerty, (by request of Administration)

4 **Item No. 24-05-3532**

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6 **EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 4168**

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8 An emergency ordinance extending the prohibition on underground boring for  
9 fiber optic installations and other telecommunications purposes in public rights-of-way  
10 within the City of Slidell, Louisiana for an additional period of ninety (90) days, subject to  
11 certain allowances.

12 WHEREAS in Emergency Ordinance 4160, the Council prohibited  
13 underground boring operations within the public rights-of-way of the City of Slidell,  
14 Louisiana for fiber optic installations and other telecommunications purposes for a period  
15 of ninety (90) days and took ancillary action in connection therewith, for the reasons stated  
16 therein.  
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19 WHEREAS the City has been working diligently since that time to develop new  
20 processes and metrics that allow for such boring operations moving forward while  
21 minimizing adverse impacts to City operations, infrastructure, and residents, and it has  
22 consulted industry professionals in connection therewith; and  
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25 WHEREAS the City requires additional time to complete this stepwise process  
26 for the benefit of the City and its residents; and  
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29 WHEREAS as part of this process, the City, through its engineering  
30 department, requires the leeway to authorize underground boring on a limited, pre-  
31 approved, pilot-type basis with companies who were authorized to bore within public  
32 rights-of-way in the City at the time of the adoption of Emergency Ordinance 4160.  
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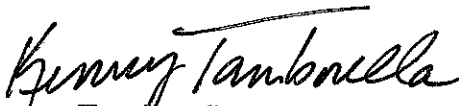
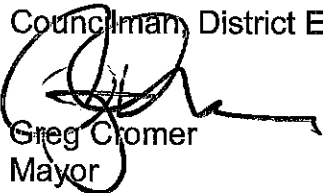
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4 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council, in legal  
5 session convened, as follows:

7 Emergency Ordinance 4160 is hereby extended for an additional ninety (90) days;  
8 subject, however, to the right of the City of Slidell, acting through its engineering  
9 department, to authorize underground boring in public rights-of-way within the City on a  
10 limited, pre-approved, pilot-type basis with companies who were authorized to bore within  
11 public rights-of-way in the City at the time of the adoption of Emergency Ordinance 4160.  
12 These pilot authorizations shall be at the discretion of the City's engineering department to  
13 develop and test new and varied processes and metrics for potential permanent  
14 implementation so as to minimize adverse impacts to City operations, infrastructure, and  
15 residents from underground boring operations.

17 This emergency ordinance shall be effective the day of its adoption.

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20 **ADOPTED** this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.

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24 Kenny Tamborella  
25 President of the Council  
26 Councilman, District E  
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29 Greg Cromer  
30 Mayor

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32 Thomas P. Reeves  
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