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

## Item No. 24-05-3535

## ORDINANCE NO. 4183

An ordinance authorizing the periodic closure of Louisiana Avenue between 8<sup>th</sup> Street and 9<sup>th</sup> Street in the City of Slidell to vehicular traffic pursuant to a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Slidell, Louisiana and Bethany Lutheran Church dba Open Arms Church and authorizing the Mayor of the City of Slidell to execute and administer said Agreement.

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 any public or private association, corporation, or individual."; and

WHEREAS Bethany Lutheran Church dba Open Arms Church owns all the real property bordering Louisiana Avenue between 8th Street and 9th Street in Slidell, LA as part of its campus; and

WHEREAS the Church conducts campus activities that frequently require participants to cross or otherwise utilize the said portion of Louisiana Avenue; and

WHEREAS the City recognizes the civic value of those activities and the Church's need to ensure the safety and security of all participants during those activities; and

WHEREAS the Church has requested, and the City has agreed, to allow for the closing of Louisiana Avenue between 8th Street and 9th Street to vehicular traffic from time to time to facilitate safe cross-campus activities under the terms and conditions reflected in the attached Cooperative Endeavor Agreement; and

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WHEREAS the Church is willing to install, maintain, repair, replace, and operate, as may be required, approved gates and ancillary equipment/signage at approved locations across this stretch to accomplish such vehicular traffic closures; and

WHEREAS there is a sufficiency of cross streets in the Dalecrest and Brugier subdivisions which allow for the free and efficient flow of vehicular traffic for residents and businesses in the area such that there is no reasonable expectation that any such closure will result in a net negative impact to the area; and

WHEREAS permanent vehicular access over this cross street is not required for the City's public purposes; and

WHEREAS there is precedent for such closures to vehicular traffic in other areas of the City.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council that it authorizes the periodic closure of Louisiana Avenue between 8<sup>th</sup> Street and 9<sup>th</sup> Street in the City of Slidell to vehicular traffic pursuant to the terms and conditions of the attached Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Slidell, Louisiana and Bethany Lutheran Church dba Open Arms Church and it authorizes the Mayor of the City of Slidell to execute and administer said Agreement.

This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

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ADOPTED this 25th day of June, 2024.

Kenny Tamborella
President of the Council
Councilman, District E

Greg Cromer Mayor

Thomas P. Reeves
Council Administrator

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1:00 pm to the Mayor

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3.15 On from the Mayor