

1 Introduced January 27, 2026, by Councilman
2 Brownfield

3 **Item No. 26-01-3625**

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5 **ORDINANCE NO. 4271**

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7 An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, Chapter
8 14, Section 14-21 to require restricted access communities to install a siren operated
9 sensor in connection with obtaining a building permit.

10 WHEREAS, the City of Slidell is charged with helping to protect the health,
11 safety, and welfare of its citizens; and,

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13 WHEREAS, residential communities with restricted gate access create a
14 unique challenge for emergency responders which could affect the health and safety of the
15 residents of those communities; and,

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18 WHEREAS, rather than provide access codes or physical keys which change
19 frequently, new technology exists to allow emergency responders to gain immediate
20 access to gated communities using siren operated sensors; and,

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23 WHEREAS, siren operated sensors are a convenient and low-cost solution
24 compatible with all access gates, which work by detecting a specific sound pattern, such
25 as a "Yelp" siren, and triggering access; and,

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28 WHEREAS, in order to ensure expedient access by emergency responders, all
29 new subdivisions, apartment complexes, and other residential communities with restricted
30 gate access applying for building permits on or after March 1, 2026, or existing private
31 subdivisions, apartment complexes, and other residential communities applying for a
32 building permit affecting their gate access on or after March 1, 2026, shall be required to
33 install and maintain a siren operated sensor as part of any such permit issued; and,
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4 WHEREAS, additionally, any existing private subdivision, apartment complex,
5 and other residential community with restricted gate access is strongly encouraged to
6 install a siren operated sensor to ensure the timely response by first responders to the
7 residents thereof.
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10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council, in legal
11 session convened, that the City of Slidell Code of Ordinances, Chapter 14 – FIRE
12 PREVENTION AND PROTECTION, ARTICLE II – FIRE PREVENTION, Section 14-21. –
13 Code adopted., is amended to provide as hereby follows:
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16 **Sec. 14-21. – Code adopted.**

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20 (c) *Supplemental requirement.* Any subdivision, apartment complex, or other
21 residential community shall, in connection with an application for, and
22 issuance of, a building permit authorizing the installation of restricted gate
23 access to same, or in connection with an application for, and issuance of, a
24 building permit affecting any pre-existing restricted gate access to same, be
25 required to install and maintain the functionality of a siren operated sensor to
26 ensure immediate access by emergency responders, including fire, law
27 enforcement, and emergency medical services.

28 [END OF CODE EDIT]

29 Neither the City nor St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 1
30 assumes liability for any defects in the operation of any siren operated sensor or
31 transmission of signals, for any failure or neglect of any person associated with the
32 installation, operation, or maintenance of a siren operated sensor, for any failure or neglect
33 of any siren operated sensor user, or neglect to respond from any source. No special duty
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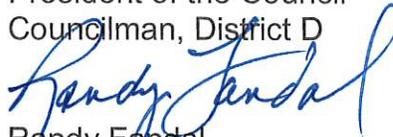
4 of any public entity shall be created by virtue of this Ordinance or as a result of the
5 installation or operation of a siren operated sensor.
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8 This Ordinance shall become effective on March 1, 2026.
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11 **ADOPTED** this 10th day of February 2026.

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13 Nick DiSanti
14 President of the Council
15 Councilman, District D

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17 Randy Fandal
18 Mayor

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20 Thomas P. Reeves
21 Council Administrator

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9:00 am	to the Mayor
RECEIVED	2/12/26
11:15 am	from the Mayor

ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL**Secs. 14-1—14-20. Reserved.****ARTICLE II. FIRE PREVENTION****Sec. 14-21. Code adopted.**

(a) There is hereby adopted a fire code for the city to provide the city with rules and regulations to improve the public safety by promoting the control of fire hazards; regulating the installation, use and maintenance of equipment; regulating the use of structures, premises and open areas; providing for the abatement of fire hazards; establishing the responsibilities and the procedures for code enforcement; and setting forth the standards for compliance and achievement of these objectives.

(b) This city adopts as its fire code the most current editions of the National Fire Protection Association Life Safety Code (NFPA 101) and the National Fire Protection Association Fire Code (NFPA 1) as are in effect from time to time. The bureau of fire prevention shall maintain a current edition of the city's fire code.

(Code 1966, §§ 10-11, 10-12; Ord. No. 3483, § 1, 7-22-2008; Ord. No. 3980, 5-26-2020)

State law reference—Authority to adopt published codes, R.S. 33:1368.

Sec. 14-22. Scope of code.

The requirements of the city fire code shall apply equally to both public and private property, and it shall apply to all structures and their occupants, except as otherwise specified.

(Code 1966, § 10-14)

Sec. 14-23. Construction of article.

This article shall be deemed an exercise of the police powers of the city for the preservation and protection of the public health, peace, safety and welfare, and all the requirements of the city fire code shall be liberally construed for that purpose. (Code 1966, § 10-15)

Sec. 14-24. Enforcement officers.

(a) The fire chief of the St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 1 shall be responsible for the enforcement of the city fire code. He shall detail such members of the fire department as inspectors as shall from time to time be necessary. To assist in the performance of the responsibilities and duties placed upon the fire chief of St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 1, a bureau of fire prevention in the fire department shall be created.

(b) This bureau shall operate under the provisions of the fire chief of St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 1. The Fire Protection District No. 1 may designate a fire official of St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 1 as fire marshal. The fire marshal shall be the administrator of the bureau of fire prevention. The fire marshal shall be responsible for the direct administration and enforcement of the city fire code as may be set forth by the St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 1. The fire marshal shall be appointed on the basis of examinations or other method for determining his qualifications. The fire chief of St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 1 may also designate such number of technical inspectors as shall from time to time be authorized by the board of commissioners of the St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 1. Such technical inspectors shall be selected through an examination to determine their fitness for the position.

(c) It shall be the duty of the officers of the bureau of fire prevention to enforce all laws and ordinances of the city covering the following:

- (1) The prevention of fires;
- (2) The storage and use of explosives and flammables;
- (3) The installation and maintenance of automatic and other fire alarm systems, and fire extinguishing equipment;
- (4) The maintenance and regulation of fire escapes;
- (5) The means and adequacy of exit in case of fire, from factories, schools, hotels,