

1 Introduced June 9, 2026, by Councilman
2 DiSanti, seconded by Councilman Brownfield,
3 (by request of Administration)

4 **Item No. 26-06-3646**

5 **ORDINANCE NO. 4291**

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7 An ordinance to amend portions of Chapter 2 (Administration), Article VI (Code
8 Enforcement by Administrative Adjudication); Chapter 13 (Environment), Article I (In
9 General), Section 13-2 (Noise); and Chapter 16 (Health and Sanitation), Article V
10 (Nuisances on Private Property) of the City's Code of Ordinances to account for
11 departmental reorganization, provide for clarity or flexibility, and/or correct drafting errors.

12 WHEREAS, on May 26, 2026, the City Council, at the request of the
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14 Administration, adopted Ordinance 4284, which provides for an administrative
15 reorganization of certain city governmental offices;
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17 WHEREAS, it is advisable to amend Chapter 2 (Administration), Article VI
18 (Code Enforcement by Administrative Adjudication); Chapter 13 (Environment), Article I (In
19 General), Section 13-2 (Noise); and Chapter 16 (Health and Sanitation), Article V
20 (Nuisances on Private Property) of the City's Code of Ordinances to account for the ways
21 in which departmental reorganization has impacted responsibility for matters set forth
22 therein, to provide more clarity and flexibility therein, and/or to correct drafting errors.
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27 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council, in legal
28 session convened, that Chapter 2 (Administration), Article VI (Code Enforcement by
29 Administrative Adjudication); Chapter 13 (Environment), Article I (In General), Section 13-2
30 (Noise); and Chapter 16 (Health and Sanitation), Article V (Nuisances on Private Property)
31 of the City's Code of Ordinances are amended at the specific provisions noted below
32 (additions underlined; deletions ~~struck through~~):
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- 4 1. The following sections of Chapter 2 (Administration), Article VI (Code
5 Enforcement by Administrative Adjudication) of the City's Code of Ordinances
6 are amended as follows:

7 **Sec. 2-601.-Definitions.**
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9 The following definitions support interpretation of this Code. Whenever applicable, terms
10 may be used interchangeably and are to be generally applied inclusive of related terms
11 and properties so affected. Should a term be used and defined elsewhere in this Code, the
12 more restrictive term, as applicable, shall apply.

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15 *Code enforcement inspector* or *code enforcement officer* means a person employed by
16 the ~~city department of building safety~~ to administer and enforce the Code. Reference to
17 the code enforcement inspector may be construed to enforcement of various city codes,
18 including building inspector, plumbing inspector, electrical inspector, and the like, where
applicable.

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20 *Decision or order or judgment* means an act or determination of the administrative
21 hearing officer authorized by this article.

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24 **Sec. 2-603.-Article's relationship to the rest of the code of ordinances and other**
25 **court proceedings.**

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28 (b) *Conflicts.* Where there exists any conflict with any provision of this article and
29 another section of the Code, the more restrictive provision applies. When unclear,
30 the administrative hearing officer will interpret the intent of the Code after receipt
31 of a recommendation by the department of public operations~~building safety~~ and/or
the ~~planning department~~ of planning.

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34 **Sec. 2-604.2.- Hearing officer authorities regarding corrective action, fines, and**
35 **penalties.**

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37 The hearing officer shall have the authority to:
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- 5 (d) Authorize the ~~city~~department of building safety to direct crews or a city contractor to
6 enter a property where a violation is occurring and remedy the violation, and assess
7 such costs to the violator, should corrective action not be taken within the required
8 period of time;

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10 **Sec. 2-605.- Minimum processing fees.**
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14 (d) *Disposition of fees.* All minimum processing fees collected as provided for
15 herein ~~part of a code violation processed as part of an administrative hearing case~~
16 must be credited to the department of public operations ~~building safety~~ and
17 dedicated to supporting ongoing code enforcement activities.

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20 **Sec. 2-611.- Administrative hearing case referral and file minimum requirements.**

- 21 (a) *Generally.* After violation notice requirements are met and the violation remains
22 uncorrected after deadlines have expired in accordance with this Code, the city may
23 request the matter be set the matter for an administrative hearing.

- 24 (b) *Case file development and minimum requirements.* The ~~city~~department of building
25 ~~safety~~ must compile and send to the hearing officer ~~for review~~ a report and case file
26 including all the following minimum information:

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28 (1) The docket number of the case and ~~the date the department received the~~
29 ~~request for a hearing in the form of "In the matter of" or in the form of "The~~
30 ~~City of Slidell versus"~~ followed by the name of the alleged violator;

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33 (c) *Hearing officer review.* Once the hearing officer has received ~~reviewed~~ and
34 ~~determined the case file's completeness,~~ he or she will refer the case for inclusion
35 on their next available hearing agenda and advise the city department of the
36 hearing time and date the case is scheduled.

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5 **Sec. 2-613.- Attendance and hearing proceedings.**

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7 Each administrative hearing provides alleged violators due process and supports the
8 resolution of open code violations in the city with participation of the following persons in
9 accordance with the following conditions and minimum standards:

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11 (b) *Code enforcement division-representative.* A city code enforcement representative
12 ~~of the Code enforcement division of the department of building safety~~ must be in
13 attendance, whether in-person or through remote means, for every hearing to
14 address the hearing officer's questions regarding the alleged violation(s). However,
15 the city staff person who issued the notice of violation is not required to appear at
16 the hearing, unless the administrative hearing officer determines that the city staff
17 person's presence is required, in which case the hearing officer may grant one
18 postponement if the city staff person is unavailable at the time of the hearing.

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20 (d) *Proprietary person charged with alleged violation or alleged violator.*

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23 (3) Failure to appear at a hearing, whether in-person or through remote means,
24 without advanced submission ~~delivery and communication~~ of documentary
25 evidence ~~or by submission~~ may constitute an admission of liability of the
26 violation and subject the person charged with the violation to fines and
27 abatement costs assessed by the administrative hearing officer in remedying
28 the violation.

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30 **Sec. 2-614.- Hearing officer decision-making and determination of penalties.**

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32 (a) *Decision.*

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35 (2) *Notice of final order.* The final order or decision of the hearing officer must be
36 served by the city or its designee on the violator in the same fashion as the
37 original notice of violation or, if the violator has counsel of record, by mailing
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4 or delivering the order to counsel. The final order must notify the violator of
5 their right of appeal.

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8 (b) *Reasonable determination of penalties.*
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11 (2) Unless otherwise precluded by applicable law, there is no limit on the
12 combined value of separately processed violations and the associated
13 assessed processing fees, fines, penalties, or abatement costs. Separately
14 processed violations shall be determined by the code enforcement
15 officer~~building official~~ and distinguished from continuing violations by unique
16 code enforcement case numbers and administrative hearing docket
17 numbers.

18 (c) *Multiple/repeat offenses.*
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20 (1) If a respondent is cited with a city ordinance violation processed through an
21 administrative adjudication, the hearing officer is authorized to impose up to
22 and including double the fine and/or penalty for any violation found if the
23 same respondent, within a year prior to such citation, was determined by a
24 hearing officer in another administrative adjudication to have violated a city
25 ordinance. ~~Within one year of a final determination by the hearing officer that~~
26 ~~a respondent has violated an ordinance that the respondent is cited for~~
27 ~~the same or similar violation of the city ordinance, the hearing officer is~~
28 ~~authorized to then assess and levy up to and including twice or double the~~
29 ~~fine and/or penalty.~~

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31 **Sec. 2-615.- Disposition of case via payment of the civil penalty and fees; and**
32 **verification of correction.**

33 For uncontested violations and citations, payment of associated processing fees, fines,
34 and penalties; and verification of the violation's correction will result in final disposition or
35 closing of the case.

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- 4 (b) *Violation and correction and verification.* Uncontested and remedied violations are
5 subject to a final inspection by the city~~department of building safety~~, who—after
6 request and verification of compliance—will officially close the violation case.

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9 **Sec. 2-622.-Generally.**

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12 (b) *Power and duties of the director of the department of public operations~~building~~*
13 *~~safety~~.* The director of the department of public operations~~building safety~~, or his~~their~~
14 representative or another city staff member designated by the administration, is
15 responsible for determining whether an alleged code violation hereunder is
16 occurring, providing for required notice procedures, documenting costs associated
17 with code violation procedures, and facilitating abatement in coordination with
18 corresponding city departments.

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23 **2. Chapter 13 (Environment), Article I (In General), Section 13-2 (Noise) of the**
24 **City's Code of Ordinances is amended as follows:**

25 **Sec. 13-2.-Noise.**

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27 (a) **Enforcement**

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- 29 (3) Enforcement agencies shall include the city department of public
30 operations~~building safety~~ and~~er~~ the city police department. Members of both
31 departments shall be trained in the use of decibel meters when such meters
32 are required to enforce this section.

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35 **3. The title of Division 2 of Chapter 16 (Health and Sanitation), Article V**
36 **(Nuisances on Private Property) of the City's Code of Ordinances is amended**
37 **as follows:**
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**DIVISION 2. - ABANDONED, INOPERABLE, AND JUNKED VEHICLES
STOREDS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY**

4. The title of Division 6 of Chapter 16 (Health and Sanitation), Article V (Nuisances on Private Property) of the City's Code of Ordinances is amended as follows:

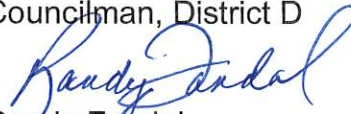
DIVISION 6. - GARBAGE CANS AND VEHICLE STORAGE

This ordinance shall be effective July 1, 2026.

ADOPTED this 23rd day of June, 2026.



Nick DiSanti
President of the Council
Councilman, District D



Randy Fandal
Mayor



Thomas P. Reeves
Council Administrator

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