

1 Introduced June 9, 2026, by Councilman
2 DiSanti, seconded by Councilman Brownfield,

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4 **Item No. 26-06-3647**

5 **ORDINANCE NO. 4292**

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7 An Ordinance proposing amendments to the City of Slidell's Home Rule
8 Charter; ordering and calling a special election to be held in the City of Slidell,
9 State of Louisiana, for the purpose of a public vote on the proposed
10 amendments; making application to the Louisiana State Bond Commission
11 with respect to same; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

12 WHEREAS, the Slidell City Council, upon due advertisement, met in open public
13 session on April 7, 2026, April 21, 2026, and May 19, 2026, to gather public input on, and
14 discuss the need or desirability for placing certain amendments to the City's Home Rule
15 Charter before the City's electorate for a vote on same; and

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17 WHEREAS, a number of proposals emerged from these public meetings as being
18 appropriate for further consideration by the City's electorate; and

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20 WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana, acting as the
21 governing authority (the "*Governing Authority*") of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana (the
22 "*City*"), herein desires to formally propose certain amendments to the City's Charter, to
23 order and call a special election to be held in the City on Saturday, December 12, 2026, for
24 the purpose of a public vote on the proposed amendments, to authorize an application to
25 the Louisiana State Bond Commission concerning same, and to provide for related matters
26 in connection therewith.

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28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council, acting as the
29 governing authority of the City, that:

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31 SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission
32 and under the authority conferred by Article VI, Section 5(C) of the Constitution of the
33 State of Louisiana of 1974, as amended (the "*Constitution*"), Article VII, Section 7-04 of the
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4 City Charter, Louisiana Revised Statute 33:1395.4 and the applicable provisions of
5 Chapter 6-B of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (the
6 "*Election Code*"), and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election (the
7 "*Election*") be and the same is hereby called and ordered to be held in the City on
8 SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2026, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. in
9 compliance with the provisions of Section 541 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes
10 of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 18:541), and that at the said Election there shall be
11 submitted to all registered voters residing in the City, qualified and entitled to vote at the
12 said Election under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution
13 of the United States, the following City Charter amendment propositions now proposed by
14 the Governing Authority, to-wit:

15 PROPOSITION NO. 1

17 Shall Article III, Section 3-04.C and Article IV, Section 4-05.H, respectively, of
18 the Home Rule Charter of the City of Slidell, Louisiana, be amended to
19 provide that if a vacancy in the office of mayor or chief of police occurs
20 eighteen (18) months or less prior to the expiration of the term for same, then
21 the remainder of the term shall be served by the person so provided for in
22 law, but if such vacancy in office occurs more than eighteen (18) months prior
23 to the expiration of the term for same, the person provided for in law shall
24 serve in said office only until the office is filled through a special election, as is
25 the law with respect to a vacancy on the council?

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27 PROPOSITION NO. 2

28 Shall Article VII, Section 7-08.A of the Home Rule Charter of the City of
29 Slidell, Louisiana, be amended to add the chief administrative officer of the
30 Slidell Police Department to the list of employees exempted from the Civil
31 Service Team?

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33 PROPOSITION NO. 3

34 Shall Article VII, Section 7-08.A of the Home Rule Charter of the City of
35 Slidell, Louisiana, be amended to add the assistant chief of police of the
36 Slidell Police Department to the list of employees exempted from the Civil
37 Service Team?
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6 PROPOSITION NO. 4

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8 Shall Article VII, Section 7-08.A of the Home Rule Charter of the City of
9 Slidell, Louisiana, be amended to add any assistant department head to the
10 list of employees exempted from the Civil Service Team?

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12 PROPOSITION NO. 5

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14 Shall Article IV, Section 4-05.C of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Slidell,
15 Louisiana, be amended to increase the amount of time a candidate for police
16 chief must be legally domiciled and actually residing in the City from one (1)
17 year to two (2) years immediately before qualifying for office, as is the
18 requirement for mayoral and council candidates?

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20 PROPOSITION NO. 6

21 Shall Article VII, Section 7-08.C.2 and 3 of the Home Rule Charter of the City
22 of Slidell, Louisiana, be amended to replace the Louisiana Civil Service
23 League, a defunct entity, with the Chancellor of Northshore Technical
24 Community College as a person entitled to appoint a member to the Civil
25 Service Board, to replace the Chancellor of the University of New Orleans, an
26 entity joining the LSU System, with the President of LSU New Orleans as the
27 proper person entitled to appoint a member to the Civil Service Board, and to
28 provide that if the appointing authorities fail to make appointments or cease to
29 exist, such appointments may be requested by the Council from the President
30 of another accredited College or University in the State of Louisiana or from a
Louisiana non-profit with a physical presence in St. Tammany Parish?

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32 PROPOSITION NO. 7

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34 Shall Article V, Section 5-09 of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Slidell,
35 Louisiana, be amended to read: "The City is empowered to incur bonded debt
36 in accordance with this charter and the constitution of the state.", in order to
37 clarify the city's ability to finance its operations according to state law
38 allowances?
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5 SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Special Election. Pursuant to La. R.S.
6 18:1285, a Notice of Special Election concerning the Election will be published in the *St.*
7 *Tammany Farmer*, a newspaper of general circulation within St. Tammany Parish, and the
8 official journal of the City, once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks, with the first
9 publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days
10 prior to the date fixed for the Election, which notice will be substantially in accordance with
11 the Notice of Special Election annexed hereto as *Exhibit A* and incorporated herein by
12 reference, to the same extent as if it were set forth in full.

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14 SECTION 3. Canvass of Election Returns. The Governing Authority will meet on
15 Tuesday, January 12, 2027, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 2045 Second
16 Street, Slidell, Louisiana, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to
17 examine and canvass the official election returns and declare the results of the said
18 Election, pursuant to Section 1292 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,
19 as amended.

20 SECTION 4. Polling Places; Commissioners. The polling places set forth in the
21 attached Notice of Special Election, and situated within the boundaries of the City, be and
22 the same are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said Election
23 according to law, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will
24 be those persons designated according to law.

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26 SECTION 5. Designation of Commissioners and Commissioners-in-Charge.
27 According to law, the officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and
28 Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, will hold the Election as herein provided
29 solely in compliance with the law, and will make due returns of said Election in accordance
30 with the Election Code. The compensation of said officers be and the same is hereby fixed
31 at the sum prescribed by law. All registered and qualified voters in the City are entitled to
32 vote at the Election.

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34 SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers. The President, Vice-President, and/or
35 Council Administrator of the Governing Authority be and hereby are empowered,
36 authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish the election officers, in ample time for
37 the holding of said Election, all equipment, forms and other items which may be required in
38 order to hold said Election. The President, Vice-President, and/or Council Administrator of
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4 the Governing Authority are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and
5 all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the Election.

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7 **SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call.** In accordance with law, certified copies of
8 this Ordinance shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and Ex-
9 Officio Parish Custodian of Voting Machines in and for the Parish of St. Tammany, State of
10 Louisiana, and the Registrar of Voters in and for the Parish of St. Tammany, State of
11 Louisiana as notification of the Election herein called in order that each may prepare for
12 said Election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

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14 **SECTION 8. Application to State Bond Commission.** Application be and the same
15 is hereby formally authorized to be made to the State Bond Commission for consent and
16 authority to hold the aforesaid Election as herein provided, and that a certified copy of this
17 Ordinance shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of the Governing
18 Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of such
19 application.

20 **SECTION 9. Publication.** In accordance with Article II, Section 2-11.B. of the City
21 Charter, this Ordinance was published in full or by title in the *St. Tammany Farmer*, a
22 newspaper of general circulation in the City, which is the official journal of the City, prior to
23 adoption.

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25 **SECTION 10. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately
26 upon its adoption.

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5 This Ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

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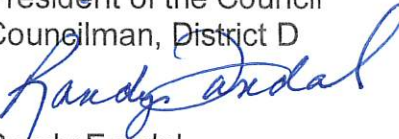
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10 WHEREUPON, this Ordinance was declared to be adopted by the City Council of
11 the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana, on this 23rd day of June 2026.
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17 Nick DiSanti
18 President of the Council
19 Councilman, District D

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21 Randy Fandal
22 Mayor

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24 Thomas P. Reeves
25 Council Administrator
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EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of an Ordinance adopted on June 23, 2026, by the City Council of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority (the "*Governing Authority*") of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana (the "*City*"), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held in the City on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2026, and that at said election there will be submitted to all registered voters of the City, qualified and entitled to vote at said election under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States of America, the following propositions, to-wit:

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4 The said special election will be held at the following polling places situated within
5 the boundaries of the City, which polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. on
6 SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2026, in compliance with the provisions of Section 541 of
7 Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 18:541), to-wit:

WARD/PRECINCT	PRECINCT LOCATION
00/802 (IN PART)	Clearwood Junior High School, 130 Clearwood Drive, Slidell
00/803 (IN PART)	Clearwood Junior High School, 130 Clearwood Drive, Slidell
00/805 (IN PART)	Little Oak Middle School, 59241 Rebel Drive, Slidell
00/806 (IN PART)	Boyet Junior High School, 59295 Rebel Drive, Slidell
00/811 (IN PART)	Boyet Junior High School, 59295 Rebel Drive, Slidell
00/812 (IN PART)	Boyet Junior High School, 59295 Rebel Drive, Slidell
00/813 (IN PART)	Northshore High School, 100 Panther Drive, Slidell
00/816 (IN PART)	Little Oak Middle School, 59241 Rebel Drive, Slidell
00/901 (IN PART)	Mosquito Abatement District Building 62436 Airport Road, Slidell
00/902 (IN PART)	Alton Elementary School, 38276 N 5th Street, Slidell
00/904 (IN PART)	Carolyn Park Middle School, 35708 Liberty Drive, Slidell
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00/908 (IN PART)	Salmen High School, 300 Spartan Drive, Slidell
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00/915 (IN PART)	Mosquito Abatement District Building 62436 Airport Road, Slidell
00/916 (IN PART)	Carolyn Park Middle School, 35708 Liberty Drive, Slidell
00/922 (IN PART)	Towers Building, 520 Old Spanish Trail, Slidell
00/S01 (IN PART)	John Slidell Park Gymnasium, 105 Robert Blvd., Slidell
00/S02 (IN PART)	Slidell High School, 1 Tiger Drive, Slidell
00/S03 (IN PART)	Slidell High School, 1 Tiger Drive, Slidell
00/S04 (IN PART)	Bonne Ecole Elementary School, 900 Rue Verand, Slidell
00/S05 (IN PART)	John Slidell Park Gymnasium, 105 Robert Blvd., Slidell
00/S06 (IN PART)	Carolyn Park Middle School, 35708 Liberty Drive, Slidell
00/S07 (IN PART)	Bayou Woods Elementary School, 35614 Liberty Drive, Slidell
00/S08 (IN PART)	Bonne Ecole Elementary School, 900 Rue Verand, Slidell
00/S09	Bonne Ecole Elementary School, 900 Rue Verand, Slidell
00/S10 (IN PART)	Slidell Junior High School, 333 Pennsylvania Avenue, Slidell
00/S11 (IN PART)	Slidell Junior High School, 333 Pennsylvania Avenue, Slidell
00/S13 (IN PART)	St. Tammany Junior High School, 701 Cleveland Avenue, Slidell
00/S15 (IN PART)	Towers Building, 520 Old Spanish Trail, Slidell
00/S16 (IN PART)	Abney Elementary School, 825 Kostmayer Street, Slidell
00/S17	Salmen High School, 300 Spartan Drive, Slidell
00/S18 (IN PART)	Abney Elementary School, 825 Kostmayer Street, Slidell
00/S19 (IN PART)	Slidell High School, 1 Tiger Drive, Slidell
00/S21 (IN PART)	Northshore High School, 100 Panther Drive, Slidell
00/S22 (IN PART)	Abney Elementary School, 825 Kostmayer Street, Slidell
00/S23 (IN PART)	Slidell Junior High School, 333 Pennsylvania Avenue, Slidell
00/S24 (IN PART)	St. Tammany Junior High School, 701 Cleveland Avenue, Slidell

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4 The polling places set forth above and situated within the boundaries of the City, be
5 and the same are hereby designated as the polling places in which to hold the said special
6 election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be
7 those persons designated according to law.

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9 In accordance with La. R.S. 18:1285(A)(1)(a)(v), the estimated cost of holding the
10 election will be \$42,500.00.

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12 The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of
13 Chapter 6-B of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other
14 constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, and the officers appointed to
15 hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes
16 therefor as may be selected and designated according to law, will make due returns
17 thereof to the Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the
18 Governing Authority will meet on Tuesday, January 12, 2027, at 6:30 p.m. in the City
19 Council Chambers, 2045 Second Street, Slidell, Louisiana, and will then and there in open
20 and public session, proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of
21 the special election. All registered and qualified voters in the City are entitled to vote at
said special election.

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6 THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Slidell, Louisiana, on this, the 23rd day of June,
7 2026.
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10 Nick DiSanti
11 President of the Council
12 Councilman, District D
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16 Randy Fandal
17 Mayor
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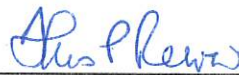
4 STATE OF LOUISIANA

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9 I, the undersigned Council Administrator of the City Council of the City of Slidell, State
10 of Louisiana (the "*Governing Authority*"), acting as the governing authority of the City of
11 Slidell, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and correct
12 copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Governing Authority on June 23, 2026, proposing
13 amendments to the City of Slidell's Home Rule Charter; ordering and calling a special
14 election to be held in the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana, for the purpose of a public
15 vote on the proposed amendments; making application to the Louisiana State Bond
16 Commission with respect to same; and providing for other matters in connection
17 therewith.

18 I further certify that this Ordinance has not been amended or rescinded.

19 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my official signature as Council
20 Administrator of the City Council of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana on this, the 23rd day
21 of June, 2026.
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25 Thomas P. Reeves,
26 Council Administrator

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