Introduced December 18, 1990, by Councilman Barthelemy, seconded by Councilman Schedler

RESOLUTION R90-42

A resolution stating the City of Slidell's endorsement of Lastec Plastics of Louisiana and Labbco of Louisiana, Inc., to participate in the benefits of the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Act of 1981,
Act 901 was enacted by the Louisiana State Legislature, and Act
337 was enacted by the 1982 legislative session, and Act 433 was
enacted by the 1987 Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program offers significant incentives for economic development to some of the most distressed areas in the city; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Commerce and Industry has designated certain Block Groups in the City of Slidell as enterprise zone eligible based upon demographic and economic factors; and

WHEREAS, the Slidell City Council has designated Census
Tract 411.03, Block Group 1, as an "Enterprise Zone"; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Louisiana Enterprise

Zone Program requirements, the City of Slidell agrees as follows:

- 1. If approached by an industry that would assume all costs involved, it would apply with the U.S. Department of Commerce to have the enterprise zone area declared a free trade zone.
- 2. To devise and implement a program to improve police protection within the zone or zones.
- 3. To provide assistance to the Department of Commerce in certifying employers to be eligible for the benefits of this process. This would include verification of the location of the business, number of employees and other verification required at the local level.

- 4. To exempt local sales taxes on the purchase of the material used in the construction of a building, or any addition or improvement thereon for housing any legitimate business enterprise, and machinery and equipment used in that enterprise where permissible. This tax exemption would be on material, construction and equipment used by that business on that site only.
 - 5. To cooperate with the Department of Commerce in reviewing certain local regulations within the enterprise zone.
 - 6. To assist the department in evaluating progress made in any enterprise zone within its jurisdiction. This would entail a comparative analysis of conditions in the zone prior to designation (number of workers employed there and businesses) and conditions after designation (six months or a year, etc.).
 - 7. To keep the department informed whenever changes occur within the zone.
- 8. The industry will conform with all environmental regulations required by Federal or State Agencies; and WHEREAS, the Slidell City Council has unanimously expressed opposition to the storing and mixing of large quantities of chlorine gas at Lastec Plastics of Louisiana and Labbco of Louisiana, Inc. site which packages chlorine bleach because of

the close proximity of this location to residential neighborhoods,

schools, hospitals and elderly housing, etc.; and

WHEREAS, the City does support safe compatible development in this sensitive industrial area, it reserves the benefits of the enterprise rose to operations which in the opinions of the Louisiana Coastal Zone Management, Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries, U. S. Army Corp of Engineers, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), and U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), does not expose its residents to what is determined to be unacceptable risk.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Slidell City
Council that Lastec Plastics of Louisiana and Labbco of
Louisiana, Inc. is hereby endorsed to participate in the Louisiana
Enterprise Zone Program to the extend that they should receive the
benefits of the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program for the
packaging of their household cleaning products.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not effect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provision, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ADOPTED this 23rd day of April, 1991.

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Councilman, Wistrict A

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Council Administrator/Clerk of the Council