Introduced February 14, 1995, by Councilman Van Sandt, seconded by Councilman Schedler (both by request of Administration).

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A resolution requesting assistance from La. DOTD, Division of Aviation, for the acquisition of new runway lights for the Slidell Airport.

WHEREAS, Section 131 of Title 2 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes provides that cities, towns, parishes, and other political subdivisions of this State may separately or jointly acquire, establish, construct, expand, own, lease, control, equip, improve, maintain, operate, regulate, and police airports; and landing fields for the use of aircraft; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development, Aviation Program Section (formerly the LA DOTD-OAPT) is charged by Section 6 of Title 2 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 with the responsibility for the development of aviation facilities within the State to foster air commerce and to safeguard the interests of those engaged in all phases of the aviation industry and of the general public, including supervision over all air-navigation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Slidell recognizes the potential benefits of an allweather air transportation facility including improved safety for both aircraft passengers and for persons on the ground and is desirous of replacing the airport runway and taxiway lighting fixtures and wind sock lighting conversions for the Slidell Airport; and

WHEREAS, the City of Slidell can provide for the necessary rights-of-way required for the installation of this equipment and for continued maintenance of such equipment, but does not have sufficient funds to finance the cost of the equipment acquisition; and,

WHEREAS, the LA DOTD, Aviation Program Section is authorized by the Louisiana Revised Statues to expend funds for the construction or enlargement of airports for the safety and advancement of aeronautics.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the City of Slidell of St.

Tammany Parish, Louisiana:

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SECTION 1. That the City of Slidell, St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana does hereby formerly request that the State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development, Aviation Program Section, provide funds as required to purchase and furnish the airport lighting equipment for the City of Slidell to install at the Slidell Airport. The City of Slidell lighting equipment for the City of Slidell to install at the Slidell Airport. The City of Slidell of St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana, does hereby appoint and authorize the LA DOTD, Aviation Program Section to act as agent for the City of Slidell for the following purposes:

- To submit, on behalf of the City of Slidell all appropriate applications to the Federal Aviation Administration for approval of installation;
- 2. To let the appropriate contract for engineering design and other required services with the competent consultant to be designated by the Department of Transportation pursuant to selection procedures required by the Federal Aviation Administration and the LA DOTD Aviation Program Section; and
- 3. To provide contract management services as necessary for the accomplishment of the improvements previously described including supervision of the development of the plans and specifications, resident inspection and engineering, and final management as appropriate; and,

SECTION 2. That the said LA DOTD, Aviation Program Section be and is hereby assured that all necessary servitudes, rights-of-way, rights of ingress and egress and means thereof will be furnished by the City of Slidell and the titles thereto will be valid and indefeasible, and the City of Slidell will assume ownership, financial reporting and complete responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the airport improvements after completion of said improvements, including but not limited to:

- 1. Providing a maintenance technician available at all times for routine inspections, maintenance, and emergency repairs in the event of unscheduled failure of the airport lighting so as to assure safety to aircraft executing approaches from visual signals supplied by the facility.
 - Regular and careful maintenance of the site grounds and equipment to ensure reliability.

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- 3. Prompt processing of Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) concerning any change in the status of the facility.
- Providing, to the greatest degree possible, security for the equipment such 4. as site fencing, access road with locked gate(s), locks for the electrical cabinet(s), and security patrols as required to prevent vandalism or other tampering with the visual navaid equipment.

SECTION 3. That the City of Slidell will save and hold the said LA DOTD, Aviation Program Section, its officers, agents, and employees, harmless from any liability or claim for damages arising out of the project, including death or injuries to third parties including, but not limited to, liability or claim for damages our of the negligence of said LA DOTD, Aviation Program Section, its officers agents or employees, and expressly agrees to defend any suit of any nature brought against the LA DOTD, Aviation Program Section as a result of this project.

SECTION 4. That the City Council of the City of Slidell be and is hereby authorized and directed to evidence this agreement by affixing his signature at the place provided therefore on this resolution and on the official request for federal aid and on other documents requiring signature by rules and regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration in the number of counterparts as required by the FAA and the Clerk is hereby authorized to attest said execution.

SECTION 5. That this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

Adopted this 14th day of February, 1995.

Richard B. Van Sandt Councilman, District C President of the Council

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Council Administrator/Clerk of the Council