

1 Introduced July 25, 1995. by Councilwoman
2 Livaudais, seconded by Council Members
3 Williams and Schedler
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6 RESOLUTION NO. 95-34
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8 A resolution calling for and recommending a comprehensive Drainage District
9 for Wards 8 and 9, St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana, with full power and authority to employ
10 personnel, purchase equipment, generate revenue, levy taxes, and matters in connection
11 therewith.
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13 WHEREAS, Slidell, Louisiana, is prone to flood waters by nature of its
14 geographic location; and

15 WHEREAS, the Slidell City Council recognizes that flood control and drainage
16 is the number one priority and need of our community; and

17 WHEREAS, rainwater run-off from areas outside of the City of Slidell add to the
18 difficulty of protecting life, health and property within the corporate limits of Slidell, Louisiana;
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20 WHEREAS, rainwater run-off and flooding recognizes no political boundaries;
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22 WHEREAS, the St. Tammany Parish Police Jury has appointed several
23 territorial drainage districts dating back to 1929 with some success in addressing localized
24 flooding; and

25 WHEREAS, the St. Tammany Parish Police Jury is the Parish governing
26 authority with the power to create drainage districts; and

27 WHEREAS, said Police Jury has established other special service subdivisions
28 to address community needs such as Fire Districts, Mosquito Abatement Districts, and Public
29 Hospitals which have operated successfully and efficiently for the public good.

30 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Slidell City Council as follows:

- 31 1. This City Council calls upon the St. Tammany Parish Police Jury for the establishment
32 of a comprehensive Drainage District for all of Wards 8 and 9, St. Tammany Parish,
33 Louisiana. Said committee is recommended to consist of five (5) members, two (2)
34 appointed by the St. Tammany Parish Police Jury, two (2) appointed by the Slidell City
35 Council, and a Chairperson selected by the four (4) appointed members.
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- 5 2. Said Drainage District would have full power to employ personnel, purchase
- 6 equipment, levy taxes, and raise revenue.
- 7 3. The Slidell City Council and St. Tammany Parish Police Jury may transfer equipment
- 8 and manpower to said Drainage District.
- 9 4. The City of Slidell and St. Tammany Parish may provide an annual appropriation of
- 10 funds for a portion of the management and operation of the Drainage District.
- 11 5. Said Drainage District should be self-sustaining.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said 8th and 9th Ward Drainage District is

13 recommended to be a public entity and operate under a Charter and By-laws in a manner

14 similar to the St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection Districts, and St. Tammany Parish Mosquito

15 Abatement Districts.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that existing drainage districts in east St.

17 Tammany Parish may be consolidated or re-structured to meet the herein stated

18 recommendations.

19 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that said Drainage District may appoint a Director,

20 employ staff, with full authority to transact business for the purpose of improving drainage in

21 the 8th and 9th Wards, St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana.

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23 Adopted this 25th of July, 1995.

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