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Introduced March 25, 1997, by Councilman
Washington, seconded by Councilwoman
Levy (both by request of Administration)

RESOLUTION R97-09

A resolution stating the City of Slidell's interest in participating in the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program, designation of Economic Development Zones, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Act of 1995, Act 581, was enacted by the Louisiana State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program offers significant incentives for the addition of new jobs in the City of Slidell, St. Tammany Parish; and

WHEREAS, the City of Slidell requests that the following sites be designated as Economic Development Zones for the purpose of implementing the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program,

The Slidell Old Towne Economic Development Zone

(See map "A" attached showing the site's boundaries and location)

and the

Slidell Airport Economic Development Zone

(See map "B" attached showing the site's boundaries and location)

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program requirements, the City of Slidell agrees:

1. If approached by an industry who would assume all costs involved, to apply with the U. S. Department of Commerce to have the enterprise zone area declared to be a free trade zone.
2. To devise and implement a program to improve police protection with the zone or zones.
3. To give priority to the use in the zone or zones of any UDAG or JTPA funds received from the Federal Government.
4. To provide assistance to the Department of Economic Development in certifying employers to be eligible for the benefits of this program. This would include verification of the location of the business, number of employees and other verification that would have to be made at the local level.

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- 5 5. To refund to the extent permitted by law all applicable sales taxes on the
- 6 purchase of material used in the construction of a building, or any addition
- 7 or improvement thereon, for housing any legitimate business enterprise, and
- 8 machinery and equipment purchases for a project and used by a business
- 9 permanently on that site.
- 10 6. To cooperate with the Department in reviewing certain local regulations
- 11 which may serve to discourage economic development within the enterprise
- 12 zone. A possible solution may be to establish a special "enterprise zone"
- 13 district in local development codes.
- 14 7. To assist the Department in evaluating progress made in any enterprise
- 15 zone within its jurisdiction. This would entail a comparative analysis of
- 16 conditions in the zone prior to designation (number of workers employed
- 17 there and number of businesses) and conditions some time after
- 18 designation (six months or a year, etc.)
- 19 8. To keep the Department informed whenever changes occur within the zone,
- 20 i.e. an establishment goes out of business, is destroyed by fire, flood, etc.,
- 21 new development takes place within the infrastructure (streets, etc.)
- 22 Changes in local development codes that may affect the zone.

23 WHEREAS, in accordance with the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program

24 requirements, the City of Slidell promises to assist the Department of Economic

25 Development in evaluating progress made in the Economic Development Zone within its

26 jurisdiction; and

27 WHEREAS, the Slidell Downtown Economic Development Zone and the

28 Slidell Airport Economic Development Zone will issue annually, to the Department of

29 Economic Development, a report showing economic and jobs data in each of the Zones

30 the previous two years of operation of this Zone.

31 BE IT RESOLVED by the Slidell City Council in due, regular and legal

32 session convened this 25th day of March, 1997, that the Slidell Olde Towne Economic

33 Development Zone and the Slidell Airport Economic Development Zone will participate

34 in the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program and requests designation by the Louisiana

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5 Department of Economic Development of the aforementioned site as an Economic
6 Development Zone.

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8 **Adopted this 25th day of March, 1997.**

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12 **Bob Callahan**
13 **Councilman, District B**
14 **President of the Council**

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18 **Davis Dautreuil**
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