

1 Introduced July 14, 1998 by Councilwoman
2 Williams, seconded by Councilman
3 Washington, (both by request of
4 Administration)
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6 **RESOLUTION R98-32**
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8 A resolution stating the City of Slidell's endorsement of AWD Corporation to
9 participate in the benefits of the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program.
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11 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Act of 1981, Act 901 was enacted
12 by the Louisiana State Legislature, and Act 337 was enacted by the 1982 Legislature, and
13 Act 433 was enacted by the 1987 Legislature; and

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

16 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development designated
17 Census Tract 409.00, Block Group 3, in the City of Slidell as an "Enterprise Zone" eligible
18 based upon demographic and economic factors; and

19 WHEREAS, the City of Slidell states this endorsement is in agreement with
20 the Overall Economic Development Plan for the City; and

21 WHEREAS, the attached map is marked showing the location of the business
22 being endorsed; and

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

- 25 1. If approached by an industry that would assume all costs involved, it
26 would apply with the U.S. Department of Commerce to have the
27 enterprise zone area declared a free trade zone.
- 28 2. To devise and implement a program to improve police protection within
29 the zone or zones.
- 30 3. To give priority to the use in the zone or zones of any UDAG or CETA
31 funds received from the Federal Government.
- 32 4. To provide assistance to the Louisiana Department of Economic
33 Development in certifying employers to be eligible for the benefits of this
34 program. This would include verification of the location of the business,
35 number of employees, and other verification required at the local level.

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4 5. To exempt local sales taxes on the purchase of the material used in the
5 construction of a building, or any addition or improvement thereon, for
6 housing any legitimate business enterprise, and machinery and
7 equipment used in that enterprise where permissible. This tax exemption
8 would be on material, construction and equipment used by that business
9 on that site only.

10 6. To cooperate with the Louisiana Department of Economic Development
11 in reviewing certain local regulations which may serve to discourage
12 economic development within the enterprise zone. A possible solution
13 may be to establish a special "enterprise zone" district in local
14 development codes.

15 7. To assist the Louisiana Department of Economic Development in
16 evaluating progress made in any enterprise zone within its jurisdiction.
17 This would entail a comparative analysis of conditions in the zone prior
18 to designation (number of workers employed there and businesses) and
19 conditions some time after designation (six (6) months or a year, etc.).

20 8. To keep the Louisiana Department of Economic Development informed
21 whenever changes occur within the zone, i.e., an establishment goes out
22 of business, is destroyed by fire, flood, etc., new development takes
23 place with the infrastructure (streets, etc.), changes in local development
24 codes that may affect the zone.

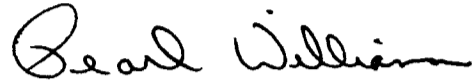
25 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Slidell City Council that AWD
26 Corporation and their project, AWD Corporation Facility Upgrades - Ben Thomas Road,
27 is hereby endorsed to participate in the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program.

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

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5 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict
6 herewith are hereby repealed.

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8 **ADOPTED** this 14th day of July, 1998.

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11 **Pearl Williams**
12 **President of the Council**
13 **Councilwoman, District G**

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16 **Davis Dautreuil**
17 **Council Administrator/Clerk of the Council**
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