

1 Introduced October 10, 2000, by
2 Councilwoman Williams, seconded by
3 Councilman Cerny
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5 **RESOLUTION NO. R00-23**
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7 A resolution of the Slidell City Council requesting the Louisiana
8 Department of Transportation and Development redesign the exit ramp for eastbound
9 traffic on Interstate 12 heading northbound on Interstate 59.

10 WHEREAS, on Tuesday, October 3, 2000, an 18-wheel vehicle
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12 overturned on the exit ramp for eastbound Interstate 12 traffic heading northbound on
13 Interstate 59, resulting in the death of the driver of the vehicle; and
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15 WHEREAS, this exit ramp is difficult to negotiate because of its tight
16 fishhook shaped curve; and
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18 WHEREAS, this site has been the location of more than forty overturned
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20 18-wheel vehicles in the past two and one half years; and
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22 WHEREAS, many of these vehicles are carrying hazardous materials;
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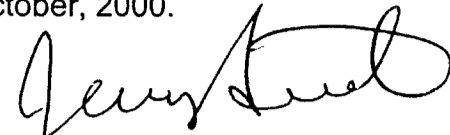
25 WHEREAS, on the date of the herein referenced accident, the overturned
26 vehicle contained a diesel fuel additive that is highly flammable and produces cancer-
27 causing fumes and residents of a nearby subdivision had to be evacuated for the
28 liquid to be removed from the overturned tanker; and
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31 WHEREAS, signs previously placed by the Department of Transportation
32 were not sufficient to warn approaching large trucks traveling at speeds of 70 m.p.h.
33 of the upcoming exit with a safe speed limit of only 15 m.p.h.; and
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36 WHEREAS, this is a very dangerous curve, especially for drivers who are
37 not familiar with it.
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39 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Slidell City Council that it
40 does hereby call upon the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development
41 and the Federal Highway Administration to take the necessary steps to reconfigure
42 and redesign the exit ramp for eastbound traffic on Interstate 12 heading northbound
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44 on Interstate 59 as this exit ramp poses a dangerous and deadly threat to our
45 residents.
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4 ADOPTED this 10th day of October, 2000.

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8 Jerry Binder
9 President of the Council
10 Councilman, District B

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12 Davis Dautreuil
13 Council Administrator/Clerk of the Council
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