

1 Introduced February 25, 2003, by
2 Councilwoman Williams, seconded by
3 Councilman Binder (both by request of
4 Administration)

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6 **RESOLUTION R03-07**

7 A resolution supporting the filing of a lawsuit by the Louisiana Municipal
8 Association relative to the Firefighters Retirement System.
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10 WHEREAS, many municipalities in Louisiana employ firefighters who are
11 members of the statewide Firefighters Retirement System (FRS); and
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13 WHEREAS, those municipalities have not had and do not presently have
14 control over the operation, investments, or benefit structure of the FRS; and
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16 WHEREAS, state law requires local governments which employ firefighters
17 who are enrolled in the FRS to pay an employer's contribution to the FRS; and
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19 WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana through the Public Retirement Systems'
20 Actuarial Committee has mandated that the employers' contribution to the FRS be
21 increased from 9% to 18 ¼% of payroll beginning January 20, 2003, and that the
22 contribution be further increased to 25% of payroll beginning July 1, 2003; and
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25 WHEREAS, these contribution increases are required in order to amortize
26 the unfunded accrued liability of the FRS which currently amounts to \$246,000,000; and
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28 WHEREAS, the existence of some, if not all, of such liability of the FRS is
29 believed to have accrued over the past several years in violation of certain provisions of
30 Louisiana Constitution Article X, Section 29(E); and
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32 WHEREAS, the mandate by the State of Louisiana through the Actuarial
33 Committee that local governments pay the increases in the employers' contribution is
34 believed to be in violation of Louisiana Constitution Article VI, Section 14(A); and
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3 WHEREAS, such increases will have a detrimental fiscal impact upon the
4 affected municipalities which will likely impair their ability to provide funding for other
5 necessary expenses of government; and
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8 WHEREAS, many affected municipalities desire to contest the imposition
9 of the mandated contribution increases to the FRS and the adverse impact they will
10 have on the delivery of governmental services;
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13 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Slidell City Council that the
14 City of Slidell supports the participating municipalities and the Louisiana Municipal
15 Association in the filing of any lawsuit seeking relief from the mandated requirement that
16 the affected local governments pay increases in the employers' contribution to the FRS
17 and/or seeking an order that the State of Louisiana appropriate sufficient funds to pay
18 all or a portion of the increased amount of the employers' contribution.
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24 **ADOPTED** this 25th day of February, 2003.

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26 Pearl Williams
27 President of the Council
28 Councilwoman-at-Large

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30 Shawn B. McManus
31 Clerk of the Council
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