

1 Introduced October 27, 2020, by Councilman
2 Tamborella, seconded by Councilwoman
3 Denham, by request of Administration

4 **RESOLUTION R20-31**

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6 A resolution authorizing a pilot weekend “pedestrian mall” program as a
7 limited City-sponsored event over a three month period in City administration-designated
8 areas of Olde Towne Slidell.

9 WHEREAS, Section 10-34 of the City of Slidell’s Code of Ordinances provides
10 that the City shall not sponsor any events without the approval of the Mayor and the City
11 Council; and
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14 WHEREAS, the City of Slidell desires to hold and support public events which
15 promote community engagement along with business and economic development; and
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17 WHEREAS, the Olde Towne area of Slidell is a historic area of the City which
18 has traditionally served as gathering place for citizens, containing residences, businesses,
19 and City government buildings in a walkable area; and
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22 WHEREAS, the City wishes to institute a limited City-sponsored pilot weekend
23 “pedestrian mall” program in select parts of Olde Towne Slidell, whereby such areas of
24 Olde Towne Slidell, as designated by City administration and with the consent of affected
25 residents and business owners and the coordination of police, fire, and EMS personnel,
26 would be closed to vehicular traffic, and City rights-of-way could be used for pedestrian
27 traffic and program-related operations, including those operations of adjacent business
28 owners; and
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33 WHEREAS, the City believes such a pilot program can particularly assist the
34 City in identifying innovative and safe ways to promote community engagement and
35 business and economic development around the City during the ongoing COVID
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4 pandemic, and offers a substantial public benefit to this end. The City sponsorship of the
5 “pedestrian mall” event shall be limited to the closure of and allowance of use of City
6 rights-of-way as determined by City administration.
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9 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Slidell City Council as follows:

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11 The Slidell City Council authorizes the Mayor of the City of Slidell to institute,
12 as a limited City-sponsored event, a pilot weekend “pedestrian mall” program in City
13 administration-designated areas of Olde Towne Slidell over a period not to exceed three
14 months from the initiation of the program. The pedestrian mall area (which is to be closed
15 to vehicular traffic) and the exact weekend times and dates of program operation will be
16 designated by City administration with the consent of affected residents and property
17 owners. Use of City rights-of-way during the program shall be by allowance of City
18 administration. Program parameters will be developed with the input of police, fire, and
19 EMS personnel.
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26 **ADOPTED** this 27th day of October, 2020.

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29 Kenny Tamborella
30 President of the Council
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33 Thomas P. Reeves
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