Introduced May 14, 2024, by Councilman Tamborella, seconded by Councilwoman Haggerty, (by request of Police Department)

RESOLUTION R24-15

A resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special election held in the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana (the "*City*"), on Saturday, April 27, 2024, to authorize the levy and collection of a .38% sales and use tax (the "*Tax*") in perpetuity, commencing January 1, 2025, upon the sale at retail, the use, lease, rental, consumption and storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and on sales of services in the City, with the proceeds to be used for the purpose of equipping, maintaining and operating the Slidell City Police Department, including but not limited to capital improvements, equipment acquisition, salaries and benefits, and any other lawful purpose of such department; appointing Special Counsel; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Slidell City Council (the "*Governing Authority*"), acting as the governing authority of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana (the "*City*"), as follows:

SECTION 1. That the Governing Authority does now proceed in open and public session to examine the official certified tabulations of votes cast at the special election held in the City on Saturday, April 27, 2024 (the "*Election*"), said tabulations having been prepared and certified by the election officials serving at the designated polling place, and the Governing Authority does now further proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the Election.

SECTION 2. That a Proces Verbal of the canvass of the returns of the Election shall be made and that a certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who shall record the same in her office; that another certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Clerk of Court and ex-officio Recorder of Mortgages in and for the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana, who shall record the same in the Mortgage

Records of the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana; and that another copy thereof shall be retained in the archives of the City.

SECTION 3. That the result of the Election shall be promulgated by publication in the manner provided by law, after receipt from the Secretary of State's office of the actual cost of holding the Election, as required by La. R.S. 18:1292(B)(2).

SECTION 4. A real necessity is hereby found for the employment of special counsel in connection with the Election, and accordingly Butler Snow LLP, Special Counsel, is hereby employed and requested to do and perform comprehensive legal and coordinate professional work with respect to the Election, and such work completed prior to the adoption of this resolution is recognized. Said Special Counsel shall prepare and submit to this Governing Authority for adoption all of the proceedings incidental to the authorization of the Election and shall counsel and advise this Governing Authority as to the Election. The fee of special counsel in connection with the Election is hereby fixed at a sum not to exceed the maximum hourly fee allowed by the Attorney General's fee guidelines for comprehensive legal and coordinate professional services, plus "out-of-pocket" expenses. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be submitted to the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana for his written approval of said employment and of the fee herein designated.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

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This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: 9

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

ADOPTED this 14th day of May, 2024.

Kenny Tamborella
President of the Council
Councilman, District E

Thomas P. Reeves
Council Administrator

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY

I, the undersigned Council Administrator of the Slidell City Council (the "*Governing Authority*"), the governing authority of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana (the "*City*"), do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of the proceedings taken by the Governing Authority on May 14, 2024, providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special election held in the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana (the "*City*"), on Saturday, April 27, 2024, to authorize the levy and collection of a .38% sales and use tax (the "*Tax*") in perpetuity, commencing January 1, 2025, upon the sale at retail, the use, lease, rental, consumption and storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and on sales of services in the City, with the proceeds to be used for the purpose of equipping, maintaining and operating the Slidell City Police Department, including but not limited to capital improvements, equipment acquisition, salaries and benefits, and any other lawful purpose of such department; appointing Special Counsel; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature and the impress of the official seal of said Slidell City Council on this, the 14th day of May, 2024.

Thomas P. Reeves
Council Administrator

(SEAL)

PROCES VERBAL

PROCES VERBAL OF THE CANVASS OF THE VOTES CAST AT THE ELECTION HELD IN THE CITY OF SLIDELL, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024.

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED that on the 14th day of May, 2024 at 6:30 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, 2045 Second Street, Slidell,, Louisiana, the Slidell City Council (the "*Governing Authority*"), acting as the governing authority of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana (the "*City*"), and being the authority ordering the special election held therein on Saturday, April 27, 2024, did examine and canvass the returns of the election, there having been submitted at the election the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION

> Shall the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana (the "City"), in lieu of the existing ad valorem taxes approved by the voters on April 4, 1981 and October 19, 2013 and currently being levied to support the Slidell City Police Department, be authorized to levy and collect a tax of .38% (an estimated $4,560,000 reasonably expected to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year) upon the sale at retail, the use, lease, rental, consumption and storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and on sales of services in the City, with the proceeds to be dedicated solely for the purpose of equipping, maintaining and operating the Slidell City Police Department, including but not limited to capital improvements, equipment acquisition, salaries and benefits, and any other lawful purpose of such department, commencing on January 1, 2025 and being levied in perpetuity?

There was found by said count and canvass that the following votes had been cast at the said special election FOR and AGAINST, respectively, the proposition as hereinabove set forth at the following polling places, to-wit:

WARD/PRECINCT	PRECINCT LOCATION	FOR	AGAINST
00/802 (IN PART)	Clearwood Junior High School, 130 Clearwood Drive, Slidell	0	0
00/803 (IN PART)	Clearwood Junior High School, 130 Clearwood Drive, Slidell	5	0
00/805 (IN PART)	Little Oak Middle School, 59241 Rebel Drive, Slidell	0	0
00/806 (IN PART)	Boyet Junior High School, 59295 Rebel Drive, Slidell	72	14

00/811 (IN PART)	Boyet Junior High School, 59295 Rebel Drive, Slidell	4	2
00/813 (IN PART)	Northshore High School, 100 Panther Drive, Slidell	0	0
00/816 (IN PART)	Little Oak Middle School, 59241 Rebel Drive, Slidell	0	0
00/901 (IN PART)	True Life Church, 62160 Airport Road, Slidell	0	0
00/902 (IN PART)	Alton Elementary School, 38276 N 5th Street, Slidell	0	0
00/904 (IN PART)	Carolyn Park Middle School, 35708 Liberty Drive, Slidell	1	0
00/907 (IN PART)	Carolyn Park Middle School, 35708 Liberty Drive, Slidell	0	0
00/909A (IN PART)	Salmen High School, 300 Spartan Drive, Slidell	0	0
00/915 (IN PART)	True Life Church, 62160 Airport Road, Slidell	0	0
00/916 (IN PART)	Carolyn Park Middle School, 35708 Liberty Drive, Slidell	0	0
00/922 (IN PART)	Salmen High School, 300 Spartan Drive, Slidell	0	0
00/S01 (IN PART)	John Slidell Park Gymnasium, 105 Robert Blvd., Slidell	129	29
00/S02 (IN PART)	Slidell High School, 1 Tiger Drive, Slidell	50	11
00/S03 (IN PART)	Slidell High School, 1 Tiger Drive, Slidell	79	15
00/S04 (IN PART)	Bonne Ecole Elementary School, 900 Rue Verand, Slidell	65	11
00/S05 (IN PART)	John Slidell Park Gymnasium, 105 Robert Blvd., Slidell	129	22
00/S06 (IN PART)	Carolyn Park Middle School, 35708 Liberty Drive, Slidell	50	21
00/S07 (IN PART)	Bayou Woods Elementary, 35614 Liberty Drive, Slidell	22	11
00/S08 (IN PART)	Bonne Ecole Elementary School, 900 Rue Verand, Slidell	82	24
00/S09	Bonne Ecole Elementary School, 900 Rue Verand, Slidell	81	17
00/S10 (IN PART)	Slidell Junior High School, 333 Pennsylvania Avenue, Slidell	102	16
00/S11 (IN PART)	Slidell Junior High School, 333 Pennsylvania Avenue, Slidell	60	10
00/S13 (IN PART)	St. Tammany Junior High School, 701 Cleveland Avenue, Slidell	61	8
00/S15 (IN PART)	Salmen High School, 300 Spartan Drive, Slidell	32	17
00/S16 (IN PART)	Abney Elementary School, 825 Kostmayer Street, Slidell	57	7
00/S17	Salmen High School, 300 Spartan Drive, Slidell	69	12
00/S18 (IN PART)	Abney Elementary School, 825 Kostmayer Street, Slidell	0	0
00/S19 (IN PART)	Slidell High School, 1 Tiger Drive, Slidell	12	1
00/S21 (IN PART)	Northshore High School, 100 Panther Drive, Slidell	2	0
00/S22 (IN PART)	Abney Elementary School, 825 Kostmayer Street, Slidell	7	5
00/S23 (IN PART)	Slidell Junior High School, 333 Pennsylvania Avenue, Slidell	31	4
00/S24 (IN PART)	St. Tammany Junior High School, 701 Cleveland Avenue, Slidell	44	14
ABSENTEE		565	197

The polling places above specified being the only polling places designated at which to hold the special election, it was therefore shown that there was a total of 1,811 votes cast FOR the Proposition and a total of 468 votes cast AGAINST the Proposition, as hereinabove set forth, and that there was a majority of 1,811 votes cast FOR the Proposition as hereinabove set forth.

The foregoing election was authorized by a Resolution adopted on December 19, 2023 by the Governing Authority and notice therefore was duly given by the Notice of Special Election attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. Said Notice of Special Election was published on February 21, 2024, February 28, 2024, March 6, 2024 and March 13, 2024 in the *St. Tammany Farmer*, as set forth in the proof of publications attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

THEREFORE, the Slidell City Council, acting as the governing authority of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana, does hereby declare and proclaim in open and public session that the Proposition, as hereinabove set forth, was duly PASSED by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the election held in the City on Saturday, April 27, 2024, and that the result of said election be promulgated by the Secretary of State and by the Clerk of Court in the manner required by law.

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THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Slidell, Louisiana, on this, the 14th day of May, 2024.

Kenny Tamborella
President of the Council
Councilman, District E

ATTEST:

Thomas P. Reeves
Council Administrator

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Slidell City Council (the "*Governing Authority*", acting as the governing authority of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana (the "*City*"), on December 19, 2023, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the City on Saturday, April 27, 2024, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the City, qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States of America, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION

> Shall the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana (the "City"), in lieu of the existing ad valorem taxes approved by the voters on April 4, 1981 and October 19, 2013 and currently being levied to support the Slidell City Police Department, be authorized to levy and collect a tax of .38% (an estimated $4,560,000 reasonably expected to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year) upon the sale at retail, the use, lease, rental, consumption and storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and on sales of services in the City, with the proceeds to be dedicated solely for the purpose of equipping, maintaining and operating the Slidell City Police Department, including but not limited to capital improvements, equipment acquisition, salaries and benefits, and any other lawful purpose of such department, commencing on January 1, 2025 and being levied in perpetuity?

The said special election will be held at the following polling places situated within the corporate limits of the City, which polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m., in compliance with the provisions of Section 541 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S.18:541), to wit:

WARD/PRECINCT	PRECINCT LOCATION
00/802 (IN PART)	Clearwood Junior High School, 130 Clearwood Drive, Slidell
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The polling places set forth above and situated within the corporate limits of the City, be and the same are hereby designated as the polling places in which to hold the said special election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law pursuant to Section 1286(A) or Section 1286.1, as the case may be, of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended.

In accordance with La. R.S. 18:1285(A)(1)(a)(v), the estimated cost of holding the election will be $63,700.00.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapters 5, 6 and 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefore as may be selected and designated in accordance with Section 1287 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 18:1287), will make due returns thereof to the Board of Aldermen, as governing authority of the City, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that said Slidell City Council, acting as governing authority of the City, will meet at its regular meeting place, on TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 2045 Second Street, Slidell, and will then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the special election. All registered voters in the City are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used in connection therewith.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Slidell, Louisiana, on this 19th day of December, 2023.

Kenny Tamborella
President of the Council
Councilman, District E

ATTEST:

Thomas P. Reeves
Council Administrator

EXHIBIT B

PROOF OF PUBLICATIONS

ST. TAMMANY FARMER

STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY

PROOF OF PUBLICATION

The hereto attached notice was published in ST. TAMMANY FARMER, a weekly newspaper of general circulation within the Parish of St. Tammany, in the following issues:

2/21/2024, 2/28/2024, 3/6/2024, 3/13/2024

Joy Newman, Public Notices Representative

Sworn and subscribed before me, by the person whose signature appears above

13 Mar 2024

M. Monic McChristian,

Notary Public ID#88293

State of Louisiana

My Commission Expires: Indefinite

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STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY

I, the undersigned Council Administrator of the Slidell City Council (the "*Governing Authority*"), the governing authority of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana (the "*City*"), do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of the Proces Verbal providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the election held in the City, on Saturday, April 27, 2024, to authorize the levy and collection of a .38% sales and use tax within the City, in perpetuity, commencing January 1, 2025.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature at Slidell, Louisiana, on this 14th day of May, 2024.

Thomas P. Reeves
Council Administrator

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