Introduced September 9, 2025, by Councilman DiSanti, seconded by Councilman Brownfield, by request of Administration

#### **RESOLUTION R25-20**

A Resolution designating the boundaries of Northshore Square Economic Development District, State of Louisiana (the "District") as the ad valorem tax area and as the sales tax area of the District; designating the local ad valorem and sales taxes to be used in determining ad valorem and sales tax increments and corresponding baseline collection rates in the District; authorizing the pledge and dedication of revenues generated by such ad valorem and sales tax increments in the District to finance economic development project costs; directing the Chief Financial Officer of the City to certify the baseline collection rates in the District for such designated ad valorem and sales taxes; and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, a local government subdivision in the State of Louisiana may establish economic development districts pursuant to the provisions of Part II of Chapter 27 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, inclusive (the "EDD Act"); and

WHEREAS, the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana (the "City") is a local government subdivision under and as defined in Article VI, Section 44 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, as amended (the "Louisiana Constitution") whose governing authority is the Slidell City Council (the "City Governing Authority"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the EDD Act and Ordinance No. 3748 duly adopted by the City Governing Authority on October 28, 2014, the City Governing Authority created Northshore Square Economic Development District, State of Louisiana (the "District") and the City Governing Authority serves as the governing authority of the District pursuant to Section 33:9038.32 of the EDD Act; and

WHEREAS, on July 8, 2025, the City Governing Authority adopted Ordinance No. 4246 expanding the boundaries of the District to encompass additional areas and affirming the expanded boundaries of the District (the "Expanded District"); and

WHEREAS, the City currently levies the following ad valorem taxes: (i) an ad valorem tax of seven (7) mills authorized pursuant to Article VI, Section 27(A) of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974 for general purposes (the "General Alimony Tax"), and (ii) an ad valorem tax of two and five hundredths (2.050) mills authorized by voters on April 4, 1981 for the purpose of maintaining, operating and improving public works within the City (the "Public Improvement Ad Valorem Tax" and together with the General Alimony Tax, the "City Ad Valorem Taxes"); and

WHEREAS, for the purposes of furthering economic development projects in the District and satisfying the requirements stated in La. Rev. Stat. § 33:9038.33, it is the desire of the City Governing Authority to: (i) designate the boundaries of the District as the ad valorem tax area; (ii) designate the City Ad Valorem Tax as the local ad valorem tax to be used in determining the ad valorem tax increment and the initial annual baseline collection rate of the City Ad Valorem Tax in the District; (iii) authorize the pledge and dedication of revenues generated by such tax increments for the purpose of financing economic development project costs and any other authorized purposes described in the EDD Act; and (iv) direct the Director of Finance of the City to certify the initial annual baseline collection rate of the City Ad Valorem Tax in the District, annexed hereto as EXHIBIT A and to cause publication of such certification in the St. Tammany Farmer, a

newspaper of general circulation within the City, and being the official journal of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City currently levies the following sales and use taxes: (i) a sales and use tax of one percent (1%) authorized by voters on November 27, 1962 for the purpose of constructing, re-surfacing, lighting and improving public streets, sidewalks and bridges; constructing, purchasing, improving, maintaining and operating recreational facilities and equipment; and constructing, acquiring or improving lands, buildings and any work of public improvement, including equipment and furnishing therefor (the "Public Improvement Sales Tax"), and (ii) a sales and use tax of one percent (1%) authorized by voters on September 27, 1986 for the purpose of public safety, public works and capital improvements (the "Public Works Sales Tax" and together with the Public Improvement Sales Tax, the "City Sales Taxes"); and

WHEREAS, for the purposes of furthering economic development projects in the District and satisfying the requirements stated in La. Rev. Stat. § 33:9038.34, it is the desire of the City Governing Authority to: (i) designate the boundaries of the District as the sales tax area; (ii) designate the City Sales Taxes as the local sales taxes to be used in determining the sales tax increments, the initial annual baseline collection rates, and the monthly baseline collection rates of the City Sales Taxes in the District; (iii) authorize the pledge and dedication of revenues generated by such sales tax increments for the purpose of financing economic development project costs and any other authorized purposes described in the EDD Act; and (iv) direct the Director of Finance of the City to certify the initial annual baseline collection rates and the monthly baseline collection rates

of the City Sales Taxes in the District, annexed hereto as EXHIBIT A and to cause publication of such certifications in the *St. Tammany Farmer*, a newspaper of general circulation within the City, and being the official journal of the City.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Governing Authority, that:

SECTION 1. For the purposes of furthering economic development projects in the District and satisfying the requirements stated in La. Rev. Stat. § 33:9038.33, the City Governing Authority, acting as governing authority of the District, hereby: (i) designates the boundaries of the District as the ad valorem tax area; (ii) designates the City Ad Valorem Tax as the local ad valorem tax to be used in determining the ad valorem tax increment and the initial annual baseline collection rate of the City Ad Valorem Tax in the District; (iii) authorizes the pledge and dedication of revenues generated by such ad valorem tax increment for the purpose of financing economic development project costs and any other authorized purposes described in the EDD Act; and (iv) directs the Director of Finance of the City to certify the initial annual baseline collection rate of the City Ad Valorem Tax in the District and to cause publication of such certification in the *St. Tammany Farmer*, a newspaper of general circulation within the City, and being the official journal of the City;

SECTION 2. For the purposes of furthering economic development projects in the District and satisfying the requirements stated in La. Rev. Stat. § 33:9038.34, the City Governing Authority, acting as governing authority of the City, hereby: (i) designates the boundaries of the District as the sales tax area; (ii) designates the City Sales Taxes as the local sales taxes to be used in determining the sales tax increments, the initial annual baseline collection rates, and the monthly baseline collection rates of the City Sales Taxes

in the District; (iii) authorizes the pledge and dedication of revenues generated by such sales tax increments for the purpose of financing economic development project costs and any other authorized purposes described in the EDD Act; and (iv) directs the Director of Finance of the City to certify the initial annual baseline collection rates and the monthly baseline collection rates of the City Sales Taxes in the District and to cause publication of such certifications in the *St. Tammany Farmer*, a newspaper of general circulation within the City, and being the official journal of the City.

SECTION 3. If any one or more of the provisions of this Resolution shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this Resolution, but this Resolution shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provisions had not been contained herein. Any constitutional or statutory provision enacted after the date of this Resolution which validates or makes legal any provision of this Resolution which would not otherwise be valid or legal, shall be deemed to apply to this Resolution.

SECTION 4. Upon adoption, this Resolution shall be published in full in one (1) issue of the *St. Tammany Farmer*.

SECTION 5. The President and Council Administrator of the City Governing Authority and the Mayor of the City are hereby further authorized, empowered, and directed, for and on behalf of the City, to take any and all such action as may be necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this Resolution.

SECTION 6. The Director of Finance of the City is hereby further authorized to amend any of the certifications of baseline collection rates described herein without further

action of the City Governing Authority provided that any such amended certification shall be published in full in one (1) issue of the *St. Tammany Farmer*.

SECTION 7. This Resolution shall immediately take effect upon adoption.

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

YEAS: 6

NAY: 1 (Brownfield)

ABSENT: 1 (King)

ADOPTED this 9th day of September, 2025.

Nick Disanti

President of the Council Councilman, District D

Thomas P. Reeves
Council Administrator

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#### **EXHIBIT A**

### FORM OF COLLECTION RATE CERTIFICATIONS

Northshore Square Economic Development District, State of Louisiana (the "District") was created pursuant to the provisions of Part II of Chapter 27 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, inclusive (the "EDD Act") and Ordinance No. 3748 duly adopted on October 28, 2014 (the "Creation Ordinance") by the Slidell City Council (the "City Governing Authority") of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana (the "City"). On July 8, 2025, the City Governing Authority adopted Ordinance No. 4246 (the "Expansion Ordinance") expanding the boundaries of the District to encompass additional areas and affirming the expanded boundaries of the District. The City Governing Authority also serves as the governing authority of the District. The exact boundaries of the District are included in the Expansion Ordinance.

The District desires to preserve its ability to finance economic development projects using incremental ad valorem and sale tax revenues in the District. Pursuant to a Resolution of the City Governing Authority adopted on September 9, 2025, the City has designated the following taxes for such purposes: (i) an valorem tax of seven (7) mills authorized pursuant to Article VI, Section 27(A) of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974 for general purposes (the "General Alimony Tax"); (ii) an ad valorem tax of two and five hundredths (2.050) mills authorized by voters on April 4, 1981 for the purpose of maintaining, operating and improving public works within the City (the "Public Improvement Ad Valorem Tax" and together with the General Alimony Tax, the "City Ad Valorem Taxes"); (iii) a sales and use tax of one percent (1%) authorized by voters on November 27, 1962 for the purpose of constructing, re-surfacing, lighting and improving public streets, sidewalks and bridges; constructing, purchasing, improving, maintaining and operating recreational facilities and equipment; and constructing, acquiring or improving lands, buildings and any work of public improvement, including equipment and furnishing therefor (the "Public Improvement Sales Tax"); and (iv) a sales and use tax of one percent (1%) authorized by voters on September 27, 1986 for the purpose of public safety, public works and capital improvements (the "Public Works Sales Tax" and together with the Public Improvement Sales Tax, the "City Sales Taxes");

In accordance with the requirements of Chapter 27 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (the "Act"), the undersigned, acting in her capacity as Director of Finance of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana, hereby certifies that:

1. The amount of the City Ad Valorem Tax collected in the District in FY 2024-2025, the fiscal year of the City most recently completed prior to the expansion and re-establishment of the boundaries of the District, is \$354,328.

- The monthly baseline collection rate of the City Ad Valorem Tax collected in the District, determined by dividing the initial annual baseline collection rate by twelve (12), is \$29,527.
- The amount of City Sales Taxes collected in the District in FY 2024-2025, the fiscal year of the City most recently completed prior to the expansion and reestablishment of the boundaries of the District, is \$4,775,810.
- 5. The initial annual baseline collection rate of the City Sales Taxes for the District is \$4,775,810.
- The monthly baseline collection rate of City Sales Taxes for the District, determined by dividing the initial annual baseline collection rate by twelve (12), is \$397,984.

In accordance with the requirements of the Act, this certification shall be published one (1) time in the official journal of the City, the St. Tammany Farmer.

Blair Ellinwood, Director of Finance City of Slidell, State of Louisiana

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, do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of the proceedings taken by the Governing Authority on September 9, 2025, designating the boundaries of Northshore Square Economic Development District, State of Louisiana (the "District") as the ad valorem tax area and as the sales tax area of the District; designating the local ad valorem and sales taxes to be used in determining ad valorem and sales tax increments and corresponding baseline collection rates in the District; authorizing the pledge and dedication of revenues generated by such ad valorem and sales tax increments in the District to finance economic development project costs; directing the Chief Financial Officer of the City to certify the baseline collection rates in the District for such designated ad valorem and sales taxes; and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature and the impress of the official seal of the City at Slidell, Louisiana, on this, the 9th day of September, 2025.

Thomas P. Reeves Council Administrator

(SEAL)