

BY COUNCIL MEMBER MOAK

ORDINANCE NO. 2013 - 32

**AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE OPERATING
RESERVE FUND AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED
MATTERS**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council for the City of Central recognize that the financial resources are essential to the provision of uninterrupted services; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council for the City of Central have since the incorporation of the City of Central managed the City's finances in a prudent manner which has resulted in the accumulation of an Unassigned General Fund Balance representing resources available for future spending; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council for the City of Central recognize the necessity of maintaining a dedicated fund for the purpose of mitigating financial risks of unforeseen revenue fluctuations and unanticipated expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to establish a fund to be known as the Operating Reserve Fund to be used exclusively for operating expenditures in the event of an unforeseen decline in operating revenues and/or unforeseen increase in expenditures.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Central, State of Louisiana as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby established a dedicated account to be known as the City of Central Operating Reserve Fund.

Section 2. The Operating Reserve Fund shall maintain a minimum fund balance equal to 100% of the prior year General Fund operating expenditures.

Section 3. No General Fund Budget or amendment to the General Fund Budget which reduces the amount in the Operating Reserve Fund below the total operating expenditures for the prior year shall be adopted without the super majority approval of the total membership of the Council.

Section 4. In the event the Operating Reserve Fund balance falls below the minimum requirements set forth in Section 2, a minimum of 15% of the General Fund operating expenses for the prior fiscal year shall be transferred to the Operating Reserve Fund each subsequent fiscal year until the minimum requirements set forth in Section 2 are met.

Section 5. Conflicts. This Ordinance shall supersede any and all other ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance.

Section 6. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision of this Ordinance is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such declaration of invalidity shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole, or parts thereof, other than the part declared invalid. The remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected by the declaration of invalidity and shall remain in force and effect.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective upon publication.

Introduced on November 20, 2013.

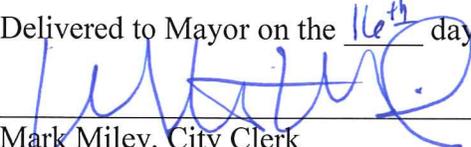
This Ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

For: DeJohn, Messina, and Moak
Against: LoBue
Absent: Washington

Adopted the 10th day of December, 2013.

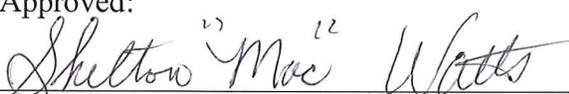
Signed the 16th day of December, 2013.

Delivered to Mayor on the 16th day of December, 2013:



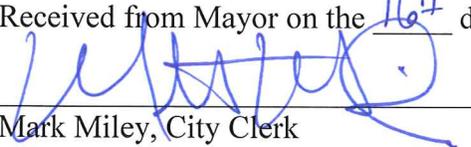
Mark Miley, City Clerk

Approved:



Shelton "Mac" Watts, Mayor

Received from Mayor on the 16th day of December, 2013:



Mark Miley, City Clerk

Adopted Ordinance published in The Advocate on the 24th day of December, 2013.