

**FACT SHEET****CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA****TITLE**

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the City of Shreveport and the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at Shreveport, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

**DATE**

August 15, 2020

**ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT**

Water and Sewerage

**CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT**

City-wide

**SPONSOR****PURPOSE**

To authorize the execution of a MOU relative to a partnership with the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at Shreveport for the development of a regional wastewater epidemiology initiative, to include funding mechanisms within the NIH Rapid Acceleration of Diagnostics-Radical program (RADx-rad Wastewater Detection of SARS-COV-2).

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

In response to the global public health crisis related to transmission of the SARS-COV-2 virus, LSUHSC-S, and in particular its Emerging Viral Threat Laboratory, has engaged with State and Federal authorities to provide testing, analysis and other healthcare-related services in support of pandemic response needs and the public good. As a furtherance to those activities, senior leadership within both LSU HSC-S and the City of Shreveport wish to develop a wastewater-based research and testing program as a means of further understanding and providing timely guidance to ready responders and policy-makers with regard to presence and spread of SARS-COV-2 within the community.

**TIMETABLE**

Introduction: September 8, 2020  
Final Passage: September 22, 2020

**ATTACHMENT(S)**

Exhibit "A" Memorandum of Understanding

**SPECIAL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS**

None

**FINANCES**

N/A

**SOURCE OF FUNDS**

N/A

**ALTERNATIVES**

(1) Adopt the Resolution as submitted, or (2) Amend the Resolution, or (3) Reject the Resolution.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the Resolution.

**FACT SHEET PREPARED BY:** William Daniel, Director

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ OF 2020

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER AT SHREVEPORT, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**BY: COUNCILMEMBER**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Shreveport, the State of Louisiana and the Nation have experienced the traumatic effects as a result of COVID-19 (SARS-COV-2 virus); and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Shreveport and the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at Shreveport propose a partnership to sample and analyze wastewater throughout the City of Shreveport for the presence of SARS-COV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, both parties will work to procure funding for this initiative; and

**WHEREAS**, Article VII, Section 14(c) of the Louisiana Constitution states that “for a public purpose, the state and its political subdivisions or political corporations may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other, with the United States or its agencies, or with any public or private association, corporation, or individual” and;

**WHEREAS**, a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the City and the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at Shreveport is needed to gather information and apply for funding of this effort.

**NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Mayor of the City of Shreveport, or his/her designee, shall be and is hereby authorized to do any and all things and to sign any and all documents in a form acceptable to the City Attorney, or his/her designee, necessary to effectuate the purposes set forth herein.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if any provision or item of this Resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this Resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this Resolution are hereby declared severable.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall become effective in accordance with the provisions of [Shreveport City Charter Section 4.23](#).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all resolutions, ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**THUS DONE AND RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana.

**APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:**

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City Attorney's Office