

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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New law establishes urban agriculture incentive zones in urban areas with a population of at least 45,000 people.

New law creates procedures for political subdivisions to establish urban agriculture incentive zones.

New law establishes rules and regulations that political subdivisions must follow when imposing fees for the implementation and administration of urban agriculture incentive zones.

New law provides contract requirements that political subdivisions must adhere to when contracting with landowners affected by the urban agricultural incentive zones that include the following:

- (1) An initial term of not less than three years.
- (2) A restriction that property is at least 3,000 square feet and not more than three acres.
- (3) A requirement that the entire property subject to the contract is dedicated toward commercial or noncommercial agricultural use.
- (4) A prohibition against any dwelling on the property while under contract.
- (5) A notification that if a landowner cancels a contract, the political subdivision is required to impose a cancellation fee.

New law provides guidelines that require political subdivisions to abstain from taking action in reference to urban agricultural incentive zones.

New law defines "urban", "urban agricultural incentive zone", and "agricultural use" in reference to urban agriculture incentive zones.

New law modifies the existing law definition of "bona fide agricultural land" to include property included in urban agriculture incentive zones.

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(Amends R.S. 47:2302(A); Adds R.S. 3:4751-4754)