
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to the parcel fee imposed within the Kenilworth Improvement District in Orleans Parish.

Present law creates the Kenilworth Improvement District in Orleans Parish as a political subdivision of the state for the purpose of promoting, encouraging, and enhancing the security, beautification, and overall betterment of the district. Provides for district boundaries.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the district is governed by a nine-member board of commissioners as follows:

- (1) Five members appointed by the board of directors of the Kenilworth Civic and Improvement Assoc., one of whom must be the president of the assoc.
- (2) One member appointed by the member(s) of the La. House of Representatives who represent the area which comprises the district.
- (3) One member appointed by the member(s) of the La. Senate who represent the area which comprises the district.
- (4) One member appointed by the member(s) of the city council of the city of New Orleans who represent the area which comprises the district.
- (5) One member appointed by the mayor of the city of New Orleans.

Present law requires each board member to be a property owner in or a resident of the district and provides that board members serve two-year staggered terms. Provides for the filling of vacancies.

Proposed law removes present law and instead provides that the district is governed by the members of the board of directors of the Kenilworth Civic and Improvement Assoc.

Present law requires members to select from among themselves a president and such other officers as they deem appropriate and requires the board to provide in its bylaws for the terms and responsibilities of the officers. Requires members of the board to serve without compensation but authorizes reimbursement for reasonable expenses directly related to the governance of the district.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law authorizes the governing authority of the city of New Orleans, subject to voter approval, to impose and collect a parcel fee within the district. Provides that the fee shall be a flat fee and shall be imposed on each parcel located within the district. Provides that the amount of the fee shall be \$200 per parcel. Proposed law provides instead that the amount of the fee shall not exceed \$225 per parcel per year. Proposed law otherwise retains present law.

Proposed law authorizes the board to change the amount of the fee by duly adopted resolution of the board, not to exceed the maximum amount authorized by proposed law and approved by the voters.

Present law provides that the initial election on the question of the imposition of the fee shall be held on Nov. 2, 2004. Provides that the fee expires Dec. 31, 2010. Provides that the fee may be renewed, the amount of the fee provided in present law may be changed, or a maximum fee amount in excess of the amount of the fee provided in present law may be established if approved by a majority of the registered voters of the district voting on the proposition at an election as provided in present law. Requires that any election to authorize renewal of the fee, to change the amount of the fee, or to establish a new maximum fee amount be held in accordance with the La. Election Code.

Proposed law removes present law and instead provides that the fee expires at the end of the term provided for in the proposition, not to exceed eight years. Authorizes renewal of the fee, subject to voter approval, and requires that the election for renewal be held at the same time as a regularly scheduled election in the city of New Orleans.

Proposed law provides that the terms of the members of the board in office on the effective date of proposed law shall terminate on such date; however, the members must remain in office until all members of the board of directors of the Kenilworth Civic and Improvement Assoc. take office.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 33:9078(D) and (F)(2) and (4))