

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 311 (HB 311)

2018 Regular Session

Leger

New law creates the Delachaise Security and Improvement District in Orleans Parish as a political subdivision of the state for the purpose of aiding in crime prevention and providing for the overall betterment of the district. Provides for district boundaries. Provides that the district is governed by a board of commissioners composed as follows: the president of the Delachaise Neighborhood Assoc. (association), three members appointed by the governing board of the association, and one member appointed by the member of the governing authority of the city of New Orleans who represents Council District B. Requires board members to be residents and qualified voters of the district.

New law provides for the district's powers and duties including the following:

- (1) To sue and be sued.
- (2) To adopt, use, and alter at will a corporate seal.
- (3) To receive and expend funds from an authorized parcel fee and in accordance with an adopted budget.
- (4) To enter into contracts with individuals or entities, private or public.
- (5) To provide or enhance security patrols in the district, to provide for improved lighting, signage, or matters relating to the security of the district, and to provide for the beautification of or improvement to the district.
- (6) To enter into contracts and agreements with one or more other districts for the joint security, improvement, or betterment of the district.

New law authorizes the governing authority of New Orleans, subject to voter approval, to impose a parcel fee. Provides that the amount of the fee shall be in a duly adopted resolution of the board and shall not exceed \$300 per parcel per year. Defines "parcel" as a lot, a subdivided portion of ground, an individual tract, or a condominium parcel. Provides that if multiple adjacent parcels are combined for the purpose of housing a single family dwelling, the flat fee for the combined parcel must be calculated to be 1.4 times the single parcel fee for two adjacent parcels and 1.6 times the single parcel fee for three or more adjacent parcels.

New law provides that the initial fee expires at the time provided in the proposition authorizing the fee, not to exceed a duration of three years, but authorizes renewal of the fee. Provides that the term of renewal shall be as provided in the proposition authorizing the renewal.

New law provides that the fee shall be collected in the same manner and at the same time as ad valorem taxes and that any unpaid fee shall be added to the city tax rolls and enforced with the same authority and subject to the same penalties and procedures as unpaid ad valorem taxes. Requires the city to remit to the district all amounts collected not more than 60 days after collection and authorizes the city to retain 1% as a collection fee.

New law provides that the additional law enforcement personnel and their services provided for through the fees authorized by new law shall be supplemental to, and not in lieu of, personnel and services provided in the district by the New Orleans Police Department.

Effective upon signature of governor (May 15, 2018).

(Adds R.S. 33:9091.25)