

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1007

BY REPRESENTATIVE KNOX

DISTRICTS/SPECIAL: Creates the Faubourg Nouveau Marigny Improvement District in Orleans Parish

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 33:9084, relative to Orleans Parish; to create the Faubourg Nouveau Marigny
3 Improvement District; to provide relative to the boundaries, purpose, governance,
4 and powers and duties of the district; to provide for district funding; to provide for
5 effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

6 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
7 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of
8 Louisiana.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 33:9084 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §9084. Faubourg Nouveau Marigny Improvement District

12 A. There is hereby created within the parish of Orleans, as more specifically
13 provided in Subsection B of this Section, a body politic and corporate which shall
14 be known as the Faubourg Nouveau Marigny Improvement District, referred to in
15 this Section as the "district". The district shall be a political subdivision of the state
16 as defined in the Constitution of Louisiana.

17 B. The boundaries of the district shall include the area located within the
18 following perimeter: St. Bernard Avenue, North Claiborne Avenue, Elysian Fields
19 Avenue, St. Claude Avenue, and Joseph Guillaume Place.

1 C. The purpose of the district shall be to promote and encourage the
2 beautification and overall betterment of the Faubourg Nouveau Marigny
3 neighborhood.

4 D.(1) The district shall be governed by a board of commissioners, referred
5 to in this Section as the "board", composed of five members as follows:

6 (a) The president and vice president of the New Marigny Neighborhood
7 Association.

8 (b) Three members elected by the residents of the district. The elected
9 members must be residents of the district.

10 (2)(a) Elected members shall serve two-year terms after serving initial terms
11 as provided in Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph.

12 (b) Two members shall serve an initial term of one year and one member
13 shall serve an initial term of two years as determined by lot at the first meeting of the
14 board. Members shall be eligible for reelection.

15 (3) The members of the board shall select from among themselves a
16 president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. The duties of the officers shall be
17 fixed by bylaws adopted by the board.

18 (4) The members of the board shall serve without compensation.

19 (5) The minute books and archives of the district shall be maintained by the
20 board's secretary. The monies, funds, and accounts of the district shall be in the
21 official custody of the board.

22 (6) The board shall adopt such rules and regulations as it deems necessary
23 or advisable for conducting its business affairs. Rules and regulations of the board
24 relative to the notice and conduct of meetings shall conform to the Open Meetings
25 Law. The board shall hold regular meetings as shall be provided for in the bylaws
26 and may hold special meetings at such times and places within the district as may be
27 provided in the bylaws. The board shall also be subject to the Public Records Law
28 and the Code of Governmental Ethics.

1 (7) A majority of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the
2 transaction of business. The board shall keep minutes of all meetings and shall make
3 them available through the board's secretary.

4 E. The district, acting through its board, shall have the following powers and
5 duties:

6 (1) To sue and be sued.

7 (2) To adopt bylaws and regulations.

8 (3) To enter into contracts and cooperative agreements.

9 (4) To solicit and accept funds, grants, donations, and appropriations.

10 (5) To purchase property within the district.

11 (6) To fund beautification, landscaping, and streetscape projects.

12 (7) To improve infrastructure, lighting, and signage.

13 (8) To organize neighborhood clean-ups and community events.

14 (9) To support blight remediation efforts.

15 (10) To collaborate with city agencies and private partners on improvement
16 initiatives.

17 F.(1) The governing authority of the city of New Orleans may impose and
18 collect a parcel fee within the district subject to and in accordance with the
19 provisions of this Subsection.

20 (2)(a) The amount of the fee shall be as provided by duly adopted resolution
21 of the board.

22 (b)(i) The fee for improved residential parcels shall be a flat fee per parcel
23 of land not to exceed one hundred dollars per year.

24 (ii) If the owner of the parcel qualifies for and receives a special assessment
25 level as provided in Article VII, Section 18(G)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana,
26 then the fee shall be a flat fee per parcel of land not to exceed twenty-five dollars per
27 year.

28 (c) The fee for improved commercial parcels shall be a flat fee per parcel of
29 land not to exceed one hundred dollars per year.

1 (d) The fee for unimproved commercial and residential parcels shall be a flat
2 fee per parcel of land not to exceed five hundred dollars per year.

3 (e)(i) The fee for improved parcels that are used for both commercial and
4 residential purposes shall be a flat fee per parcel of land not to exceed two hundred
5 dollars per year.

6 (ii) If the owner of the parcel qualifies for and receives a homestead
7 exemption as provided in Article VII, Section 20 of the Constitution of Louisiana,
8 then the fee shall be a flat fee per parcel of land not to exceed one hundred dollars
9 per year.

10 (iii) No fee shall be imposed upon any parcel whose owner qualifies for and
11 receives a homestead exemption as provided in Article VII, Section 20 of the
12 Constitution of Louisiana and a special assessment level as provided in Article VII,
13 Section 18(G)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

14 (3)(a) For purposes of this Section, "parcel" means a lot, a subdivided
15 portion of ground, an individual tract, or a "condominium parcel" as defined in R.S.
16 9:1121.103.

17 (b) The owner of each parcel shall be responsible for payment of the fee.

18 (4)(a) The fee shall be imposed only after the question of its imposition has
19 been approved by a majority of the registered voters of the district who vote on the
20 proposition at an election held for that purpose in accordance with the Louisiana
21 Election Code. The amount of the fee may be changed by duly adopted resolution
22 of the board, not to exceed the maximum amount authorized by this Subsection. No
23 other election shall be required except as provided by this Paragraph.

24 (b) The fee shall expire at the end of the term provided for in the proposition
25 authorizing the fee, not to exceed eight years, but may be renewed as provided in
26 Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph. Any election to authorize the renewal of the fee
27 shall be held for that purpose in accordance with the Louisiana Election Code. If the
28 fee is renewed, the term of the imposition of the fee shall be as provided in the
29 proposition authorizing such renewal, not to exceed eight years.

1 (5)(a) The fee shall be collected in the same manner and at the same time as
2 ad valorem taxes on property subject to taxation by the city are levied and collected.

3 (b) Any fee which is unpaid shall be added to the tax rolls of the city and
4 shall be enforced with the same authority and subject to the same penalties and
5 procedures as unpaid ad valorem taxes.

6 (6) The proceeds of such fee shall be used solely and exclusively for the
7 purpose and the benefit of the district; however, the city may retain one percent of
8 the amount collected as a collection fee.

9 G.(1) The board shall adopt an annual budget in accordance with the
10 Louisiana Local Government Budget Act, R.S. 39:1301 et seq.

11 (2) The district shall be subject to audit by the legislative auditor pursuant
12 to R.S. 24:513.

13 H.(1) It is the purpose and intent of this Section that the additional personnel
14 and services provided for through the fees authorized in this Section shall be
15 supplemental to and not in lieu of the personnel and services provided in the district
16 by the city of New Orleans.

17 (2) If the district ceases to exist, all funds of the district shall be transmitted
18 by the board to the city of New Orleans, and such funds, together with any other
19 funds collected by the city of New Orleans pursuant to this Section, shall be
20 maintained in a separate account by the city and shall be used only to promote,
21 encourage, and enhance the beautification and overall betterment of the area included
22 in the district.

23 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
24 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
25 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
26 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
27 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Creates the Faubourg Nouveau Marigny Improvement District in Orleans Parish.

Proposed law creates the Faubourg Nouveau Marigny Improvement District as a political subdivision in Orleans Parish for the purpose of promoting and encouraging the beautification and overall betterment of the Faubourg Nouveau Marigny neighborhood.

Proposed law provides that the district is governed by a five-member board of commissioners composed as follows:

- (1) The president and vice president of the New Marigny Neighborhood Association.
- (2) Three members elected by the residents of the district. The members must be residents of the district.

Proposed law provides that elected members serve two-year staggered terms.

Proposed law provides for the powers and duties of the district, including but not limited to the following:

- (1) To sue and be sued.
- (2) To adopt bylaws and regulations.
- (3) To enter into contracts and cooperative agreements.
- (4) To solicit and accept funds, grants, donations, and appropriations.
- (5) To purchase property within the district.
- (6) To fund beautification, landscaping, and streetscape projects.

Proposed 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 amount of the fee shall be as follows:

- (1) A flat fee not to exceed \$100 per year for improved residential parcels.
- (2) A flat fee not to exceed \$25 per year for improved residential parcels whose owner qualifies for a special assessment.
- (3) A flat fee not to exceed \$100 per year for improved commercial parcels.
- (4) A flat fee not to exceed \$500 per year for unimproved commercial and residential parcels.
- (5) A flat fee not to exceed \$200 per year for improved parcels used for both commercial and residential purposes.

- (6) A flat fee not to exceed \$100 per year for improved parcels used for both commercial and residential purposes whose owner qualifies for a homestead exemption.
- (7) No fee imposed on improved parcels used for both commercial and residential purposes whose owner qualifies for a homestead exemption and a special assessment.

Proposed law provides that the amount of the fee may be changed by duly adopted resolution of the board, not to exceed the maximum amount.

Proposed law provides that the fee shall expire at the end of the term provided for in the proposition authorizing the fee, not to exceed eight years. Authorizes renewal of the fee for a term provided for in the proposition, not to exceed eight years.

Proposed 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.

Proposed law provides that the proceeds of the fee shall be used solely for the purpose and benefit of the district. Authorizes the city to retain 1% of the amount collected as a collection fee.

Proposed law requires the district's board to adopt an annual budget in accordance with present law (La. Local Government Budget Act) and provides that the district shall be subject to audit by the legislative auditor.

Proposed law provides that it is the purpose and intent of proposed law that the additional personnel and services provided for through the fees authorized by proposed law shall be supplemental to, and not in lieu of, personnel and services provided in the district by the city of New Orleans.

Proposed law provides that if the district ceases to exist, all district funds shall be transmitted to the city of New Orleans and used to promote, encourage, and enhance the beautification and overall betterment of the area included in the district.

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

(Adds R.S. 33:9084)