
DIGEST

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Knox

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)