

ACT No. 926

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1007

BY REPRESENTATIVE KNOX

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.

20 C. The purpose of the district shall be to promote and encourage the
21 beautification and overall betterment of the Faubourg Nouveau Marigny
22 neighborhood.

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

25 (a) The president and vice president of the New Marigny Neighborhood
26 Association.

1 **(b) Three members elected by the residents of the district. The elected**
 2 **members must be residents of the district.**

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

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

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

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

12 **(5) The minute books and archives of the district shall be maintained by the**
 13 **board's secretary. The monies, funds, and accounts of the district shall be in the**
 14 **official custody of the board.**

15 **(6) The board shall adopt such rules and regulations as it deems necessary**
 16 **or advisable for conducting its business affairs. Rules and regulations of the board**
 17 **relative to the notice and conduct of meetings shall conform to the Open Meetings**
 18 **Law. The board shall hold regular meetings as shall be provided for in the bylaws**
 19 **and may hold special meetings at such times and places within the district as may be**
 20 **provided in the bylaws. The board shall also be subject to the Public Records Law**
 21 **and the Code of Governmental Ethics.**

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

25 **E. The district, acting through its board, shall have the following powers and**
 26 **duties:**

27 **(1) To sue and be sued.**

28 **(2) To adopt bylaws and regulations.**

29 **(3) To enter into contracts and cooperative agreements.**

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

- 1 (5) To purchase property within the district.
- 2 (6) To fund beautification, landscaping, and streetscape projects.
- 3 (7) To improve infrastructure, lighting, and signage.
- 4 (8) To organize neighborhood clean-ups and community events.
- 5 (9) To support blight remediation efforts.
- 6 (10) To collaborate with city agencies and private partners on improvement
- 7 initiatives.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5 (3)(a) For purposes of this Section, "parcel" means a lot, a subdivided
6 portion of ground, an individual tract, or a "condominium parcel" as defined in R.S.
7 9:1121.103.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7 (2) If the district ceases to exist, all funds of the district shall be transmitted
8 by the board to the city of New Orleans, and such funds, together with any other
9 funds collected by the city of New Orleans pursuant to this Section, shall be
10 maintained in a separate account by the city and shall be used only to promote,
11 encourage, and enhance the beautification and overall betterment of the area included
12 in the district.

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

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____