

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 430 (HB 362)

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Newell

New law creates the Regency Park Townhomes Crime Prevention and Security District in Orleans Parish as a political subdivision of the state for the primary objective and purpose of promoting and encouraging the beautification, security, and overall betterment of the district. Provides for district boundaries.

New law provides that the district is governed by a board of commissioners composed of five voting members and one nonvoting member as follows:

- (1) The president, secretary, and treasurer of the Regency Park Townhomes Association (association).
- (2) Two members appointed by the governing board of the association who shall be residents of the district.
- (3) The manager of the Regency Park Townhomes who shall be a nonvoting member.

New law provides for the district's powers and duties, including but not limited to the following:

- (1) To receive and expend funds from an authorized parcel fee in accordance with an adopted budget.
- (2) To enter into contracts with individuals or entities, private or public.
- (3) To provide or enhance security patrols in the district and to provide for improved lighting, signage, or matters relating to the security and beautification of the district.
- (4) To enter into contracts and agreements with one or more other districts for the joint security, improvement, or betterment of all participating districts.

New law authorizes the governing authority of the city of New Orleans, subject to voter approval, to impose a parcel fee within the district, not to exceed \$300 per parcel per year. Authorizes the board to change the fee amount, not to exceed the maximum. Provides that the fee expires at the time provided in the proposition authorizing the fee, not to exceed five years. Authorizes renewal of the fee for a term provided in the proposition, not to exceed five years. Defines "parcel" to mean a lot, a subdivided portion of ground, an individual tract, or a "condominium parcel".

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

New law provides that it is the purpose and intent of new law that any additional security patrols, public or private, or any other security or other services or betterments provided by the district shall be supplemental to and not be in lieu of personnel and services to be provided in the district by the state or the city of New Orleans or their departments or agencies or by other political subdivisions.

New law provides that if the district ceases to exist, all district funds shall be transmitted to the city of New Orleans to be held in a separate account by the city and used only to promote, encourage, and enhance the security of the area included in the district.

Effective upon signature of governor (May 29, 2026).

(Adds R.S. 33:9091.30)