

Existing law creates and provides for the East New Orleans Neighborhood Advisory Commission as a corporate body with all the powers and rights of a political subdivision of the state whose area shall include each neighborhood in New Orleans East. Provides that the commission's primary purpose is to advise appropriate governmental entities on government policy. Provides relative to the commission's membership and powers and duties.

New law authorizes the New Orleans city council, subject to voter approval, to levy and collect a parcel fee upon each parcel within the commission area. Provides that the amount of the fee shall be as requested by resolution of the commission and shall be not less than \$5 nor more than \$10 per parcel per year. Defines "parcel" as a lot, a subdivided portion of ground, or an individual tract which is zoned residential. Requires that the fee be levied on each improved or unimproved parcel located within the district

New law provides that the fee shall expire four years after its initial levy but may be renewed for a term not to exceed eight years. Requires that the fee be levied and collected in the same manner and at the same time as ad valorem taxes on property are levied and collected by the city. Requires that the proceeds of the fee be used solely and exclusively for the purpose and benefit of the district but authorizes the city to retain 1% of the amount collected as a collection fee. Further requires the city to remit to the district all amounts collected not more than 60 days after collection.

Existing law requires the commission to adopt an annual budget in accordance with the La. Local Government Budget Act (R.S. 39:1301 et seq.) and provides that the budget and all amendments are subject to approval by the New Orleans city council.

New law additionally requires the commission's executive board to submit a proposed budget to the commission annually for review. Authorizes the commission to make any amendments to the budget it deems necessary.

Effective upon signature of governor (May 31, 2012)

(Amends R.S. 33:9100.12(A); Adds R.S. 33:9100.10)