

New law creates the Gentilly Terrace and Gardens Security District in Orleans Parish as a political subdivision of the state for the purpose of promoting and encouraging the security of the district. Provides for district boundaries and that the district is governed by a board of seven commissioners, all of whom shall be residents and qualified voters of the district, composed as follows:

- (1) The president of Gentilly Terrace and Gardens Improvement Association (association).
- (2) Two members appointed by the association's governing board.
- (3) One member appointed by the mayor of the city of New Orleans.
- (4) One member appointed by the member of the La. House of Representatives whose district encompasses all or the greater portion of the district's area.
- (5) One member appointed by the member of the La. Senate whose district encompasses all or the greater portion of the district's area.
- (6) One member appointed by the member of the New Orleans City Council whose district encompasses all or the greater portion of the district's area.

Appointments pursuant to (3) through (6) above are made from nominations from the association. Provides that members serve staggered four-year terms without compensation; requires reimbursement of expenses. Provides relative to the district's powers and duties.

New law authorizes the New Orleans City Council to impose and collect a parcel fee within the district, subject to voter approval, which amount shall be as requested by duly adopted board resolution. Provides that the fee shall be a flat fee not to exceed \$260 per parcel per year for lots zoned for residential use and \$360 per parcel per year for lots zoned for commercial use. Defines "parcel" as a lot, a subdivided portion of ground, an individual tract, or a condominium parcel as defined in existing law (R.S. 9:1121.103).

New law provides that the amount of the fee may be changed by duly adopted board resolution, not to exceed the maximum amount authorized by new law. Provides that the fee shall expire on Dec. 31, 2015, but may be renewed for a term not to exceed four years. Provides that the district shall cease to exist if the fee is not renewed.

New law requires that the fee be collected in the same manner and at the same time as ad valorem taxes. Requires that fee proceeds be used solely and exclusively for the district's purpose and benefit but authorizes the city to retain 1% of the amount collected as a collection fee. Requires the city to remit to the district all amounts collected not more than 60 days after collection.

New law requires the board to adopt an annual budget in accordance with the 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 the additional law enforcement personnel and their services provided for through the fees authorized by new law shall be supplemental to and not in lieu of personnel and services provided in the district by the New Orleans Police Dept. Requires the board to transmit all funds of the district to the city of New Orleans if the district ceases to exist. Provides further with respect to the management of the funds by the city.

New law requires the district to indemnify its officers and board members to the fullest extent permitted by existing law (relative to indemnification of officers, directors, employees, and agents of nonprofit corporations) as fully as if the district were a nonprofit corporation governed thereby and as may be provided in district bylaws. Provides further with respect to the liability of officers and board members.

Effective upon signature of governor (May 22, 2012).

(Adds R.S. 33:9091.19)