

New law creates the North Kenilworth Improvement and Security District in Orleans Parish as a political subdivision of the state for the purpose of promoting and encouraging the beautification, security, and overall betterment of the district. Provides for district boundaries and that the district is governed by a board of nine commissioners, all of whom shall be residents and qualified voters of the district, composed as follows:

- (1) The president of North Kenilworth Homeowners Association (association).
- (2) Four 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.

New law provides that appointments by elected officials are made from nominations made by the association and provides that appointed members serve staggered four-year terms. Provides for 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 per parcel and shall not exceed \$500 per year. Defines a 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 eight years from its initial levy, but may be renewed, subject to voter approval, for a term not to exceed eight years.

New law requires that the fee be collected in the same manner and at the same time as ad valorem taxes. Requires that the fee be used solely and exclusively for the district's purpose and benefit. Authorizes the city to retain 1% of the amount collected as a collection fee and 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 security and other improvements provided for through the fees authorized by new law shall be supplemental to and not in lieu of other governmental services.

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 (June 7, 2012).

(Adds R.S. 33:9091.19)