

New law requires the city of New Orleans to sell, for \$100 per parcel, vacant lots that are located in the Lower Ninth Ward, that were acquired prior to Jan. 1, 2015, through the La. Road Home program, and that are either owned by the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority or the authority has been tasked with management and disposition of the property.

Provides that such sales shall only be to a purchaser who meets one of the following criteria and that property shall be made available to these groups in the order they are listed:

- (1) He is qualified under the Lot Next Door program, which authorizes the sale of property to adjacent property owners, and he agrees to retain and maintain the property for at least five years.
- (2) He leases residential property in the Lower Ninth Ward, he has resided at that property for at least 18 months as of the effective date of new law, and he agrees to retain and maintain the property for not less than five years.
- (3) He is a veteran of the U.S. armed forces, employed as an emergency responder, a teacher or a former teacher, or a former resident of the Lower Ninth Ward.
- (4) He agrees to build a residence on the property and to reside at that residence for at least five years.

Prohibits sale to a developer, a corporate entity, or a person with an active code enforcement violation or outstanding tax lien.

Requires the governing authority of the city of New Orleans, in consultation with the state representative from House District No. 99 and the state senator from Senate District No. 3, to establish necessary rules and regulations. Provides that such rules and regulations shall specifically include: (1) provision for the reversion of property to the city if the purchaser fails to meet his obligations and (2) appropriate time periods during which property is available for purchase to the various groups in the order established by new law.

Effective if and when the proposed amendment of Article VII of the Constitution of La. contained in Act No. 872 of the 2014 R.S. is adopted at a statewide election and becomes effective. Ceases to be effective 10 years later.

(Adds R.S. 33:4720.11)