

**FRENCH QUARTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION**

**NO. R-2020-3**

**CITY HALL:** August 20, 2020

**BY: DISTRICT MEMBER GISLESON PALMER (BY REQUEST)**

**SECONDED BY: DISTRICT MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_**

A **RESOLUTION** calling a special election in the Parish of Orleans, on Saturday, December 5, 2020, to approve or disapprove an authorization to levy a renewal of a .2495% sales tax, within the boundaries of the French Quarter Economic Development District, for the purpose of funding enhanced and supplemental public safety services to facilitate economic development projects within the FQ EDD pursuant to La R.S. 33:9038.31, *et seq.*

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE FRENCH QUARTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, That**

**SECTION 1. Election Call.** Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by Article VI of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and the applicable provisions of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, an election is hereby called for Saturday, December 5, 2020 between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., and at said election the registered voters residing within the boundaries of the French Quarter Economic Development District ("FQ EDD") may approve or disapprove an authorization to levy a renewal of a .2495%, sales tax within the boundaries of the FQ EDD, originally approved by the voters within the French Quarter Economic Development District at an election on October 24, 2015, for the purpose of funding enhanced and supplemental public safety services to facilitate economic development projects within the FQ EDD pursuant to La R.S. 33:9038.31, *et seq.*

The official ballot to be used for said election shall be printed and worded in the voting machines as follows:

PROPOSITION

FRENCH QUARTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Shall a .2495% sales tax, originally approved by the voters within the French Quarter Economic Development District at an election on October 24, 2015, be renewed and levied within the boundaries of the French Quarter Economic Development District ("FQ EDD"), (the area bounded by the Mississippi River, the center line of Canal Street, the rear property line of the properties fronting on the lake side of North Rampart Street, and the rear property line of the properties fronting on the downriver side of Esplanade Avenue to the Mississippi River), to be collected on the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption and storage for use or the consumption of tangible personal property and sales of services within the boundaries of the FQ EDD for a period of five years, beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2025 (an estimated \$2 million reasonably expected at this time to be collected as a result of the renewal of the levy per year) for the purpose of funding enhanced and supplemental public safety services to facilitate economic development within the FQ EDD?

**SECTION 2. District Boundaries.** The boundaries of the FQ EDD are as follows: the area bounded by the Mississippi River, the center line of Canal Street, the rear property line of the properties fronting on the lake side of North Rampart Street, and the rear property line of the properties fronting on the downriver side of Esplanade Avenue to the Mississippi River.

**SECTION 3. Publication of Notice of Election.** Notice of said election shall be published in the official journal of the City of New Orleans once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks, with the first publication being not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date fixed for the election, which notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference as if the same were set forth herein in full.

**SECTION 4. Canvass.** The Governing Authority of the FQ EDD, acting under the powers granted to it by state law, shall meet in open and public session on Thursday, December 17, 2020, beginning no earlier than 9:00 a.m., either via video conference or in Council Chamber, City Hall, 1300 Perdido Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70112 and shall then and there proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of said election.

**SECTION 5. Election Commissioners: Voting Machines.** The officers designated to serve as commissioners-in-charge and commissioners pursuant to Section 5 hereof, or such substitutes therefor, as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the said election as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said election to the Governing Authority of the FQ EDD. All registered voters in the district are entitled to vote at said election and voting machines shall be used thereat.

**SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers.** The Clerk of Criminal District Court is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election and the authorized representative of the FQ EDD and the City Attorney are authorized, empowered, and directed to take any and all further action required by law to arrange for the election.

**SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials.** Certified copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and ex-officio parish custodian of voting machines in and for the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, and the Registrar of Voters in and for said parish, as notification of the election herein called, in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

**SECTION 8. Application to State Bond Commission.** Application is made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the aforesaid election as herein provided, and in the event said election results in approval of the proposition, for consent and authority to further pursue the renewal

of the levy authorized therein, and a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of the Governing Authority of the FQ EDD requesting prompt consideration and approval of the application.

**THE FOREGOING WAS READ IN FULL, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE ADOPTION OF THEREOF AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:**

**YEAS:**

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:**

**AND THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

**EXHIBIT "A"**

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION**

Pursuant to the provisions of Resolution R-2020-3, adopted by the Governing Authority of the French Quarter Economic Development District ("FQ EDD") on August 20, 2020, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that a special election will be held in New Orleans on Saturday, December 5, 2020, and that at said special election there will be submitted to all registered voters residing within the French Quarter Economic Development District who are qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to wit:

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Said special election shall be held at each and every polling place established for voters who reside within the boundaries of the FQ EDD in the City of New Orleans, which polls will open at seven o'clock in the morning (7:00 a.m.) and close at eight o'clock in the evening (8:00 p.m.), in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541. Said polling places are as follows:

POLLING PLACES		
<u>WARD</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
4	2 (Partial)	Our Lady of Guadalupe Church 410 Basin Street
5	1 (Whole)	Homer A. Plessy Community School 721 St. Phillip Street
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5	3 (Partial)	Homer A. Plessy Community School 721 St. Phillip Street
6	1 (Whole)	Homer A. Plessy Community School 721 St. Phillip Street
6	2 (Partial)	North Rampart Community Center 1130 N. Rampart Street
7	1 (Partial)	Engine House #09 449 Esplanade Avenue
7	2 (Partial)	Engine House #09 449 Esplanade Avenue

The estimated cost of this election, as determined by the Louisiana Secretary of State, based upon the provisions of Title 18, Chapter 8A of the Louisiana Revised Statutes and actual costs of similar elections is \$2,600.00.

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**THUS DONE AND SIGNED AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, ON THIS 20<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2020.**

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**AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE  
FRENCH QUARTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**