

# FRENCH QUARTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

## RESOLUTION

NO. R-2020-6

CITY HALL: December 17, 2020

**BY: DISTRICT MEMBER GISLESON PALMER**

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

A **RESOLUTION** authorizing the publication of a notice describing the intention of the Governing Authority of the French Quarter Economic Development District (the "District" or "FQ EDD") to levy an increase of .245% in the sales tax within the boundaries of the District, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

**WHEREAS**, Part II, Chapter 27, Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 33:9038.31, et seq.) (the "EDD Act") authorizes municipalities, parishes and certain other local governmental subdivisions to create economic development districts to carry out the purposes of the EDD Act, which economic development districts are political subdivisions of the State of Louisiana and possess such power and authority and have such duties as provided by the EDD Act and other law; and

**WHEREAS**, at its April 23, 2015 meeting, the New Orleans City Council adopted Ordinance No. 26,374 M.C.S. creating the French Quarter Economic Development District ("FQ EDD") and establishing the City Council as the Governing Authority of the FQ EDD, in accordance with La. R.S. 33:9038.32; and

**WHEREAS**, La. R.S. 33:9038.39 grants the Governing Authority of the FQ EDD the power to levy an increase in sales taxes of up to two percent within the boundaries of the District, subject to the approval of voters residing in the District, for the furtherance of economic development projects; and

**WHEREAS**, at an election held October 24, 2015 the voters residing within the boundaries of the FQ EDD, overwhelmingly approved the levy of a .2495% increase in sales tax within the boundaries of the FQ EDD for five years, beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, since the .2495% sales tax is set to expire on December 31, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with La. R.S. 33:9038.39, the Governing Authority of the FQ EDD now desires to give notice of its intention to levy an increase of .245% in the sales tax within the boundaries of the District and to hold a January 14, 2021 public hearing relative to the proposed levy, which notice shall be published in the City's official journal two times prior to the public hearing, one week apart, the first publication to appear at least fourteen days before the date of the public hearing; **NOW THEREFORE**,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE FRENCH QUARTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ("FQ EDD" or the "District"):**

**SECTION 1. Intent to Levy Sales Tax Increase.** In accordance with La. R.S. 33:9038.39, the Governing Authority of the FQ EDD does hereby give notice of its intention to levy an increase of .245% in the sales tax within the boundaries of the District, for the purpose of funding enhanced and supplemental public safety services to facilitate economic development projects within the District. The boundaries of the District 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, as set forth in Exhibit "A," attached.

**SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Intention.** The City Clerk is authorized and directed to publish a Notice of Intention, in the following form and substance, which notice shall be published in the City's official journal two times prior to the public hearing, one week apart, the first publication to appear at least fourteen days before the date of public hearing:

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO LEVY AN INCREASE OF .245% IN THE SALES TAX  
WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE FRENCH QUARTER ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Governing Authority of the French Quarter Economic Development District ("FQ EDD" or the "District") intends to levy an increase of .245% in the sales tax within the boundaries of the District, subject to approval of the proposed levy by the voters of the District at an election

to be held on April 24, 2021, for the purpose of funding enhanced and supplemental public safety services to facilitate economic development projects within the District.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN** that the Governing Authority, acting on behalf of the FQ EDD, will meet in open and public session on January 14, 2021 beginning no earlier than 9:00 a.m., either via video conference or in City Council Chamber, City Hall, 1300 Perdido Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70112, to hear any objections to the levy an increase of .245% in the sales tax within the boundaries of the District.

A description of the boundaries of the District and a map of the District, are attached to this Notice.

[LEGAL DESCRIPTION AND MAP TO BE ATTACHED IN PUBLICATION]

**SECTION 3. Public Hearing.** At the date, time and place specified in the foregoing Notice of Intention, or at such other date, time and place as may be determined by the Governing Authority and included in the published notice, the Governing Authority will meet in open and public session, to hear any objections to the proposed an increase of .245% in the sales tax within the boundaries of the District for the purpose funding enhanced and supplemental public safety services in furtherance of facilitating economic development projects within the District.

**SECTION 4. Authorization of Officers.** The Mayor, authorized representatives of the FQ EDD, the City Clerk, and any other necessary officials or officers be and are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to do any and all things necessary and incidental to carry out the provisions of this Resolution.

**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"**

### **BOUNDARIES OF FRENCH QUARTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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# EXHIBIT "B"

## MAP OF THE DISTRICT

