

FRENCH QUARTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

RESOLUTION

NO. R-2025-02

CITY HALL: August 7, 2025

BY: DISTRICT MEMBER KING (BY REQUEST)

SECONDED BY:

A **RESOLUTION** calling an election in the Parish of Orleans, on Saturday, November 15, 2025, to approve or disapprove an authorization to renew the levy of .245% in sales tax within the boundaries of the French Quarter Economic Development District, for the furtherance of economic development projects pursuant to La R.S. 33:9038.31, *et seq.*; **NOW THEREFORE,**

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, November 15, 2025 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 ("FQEDD") may approve or disapprove an authorization to renew the levy of .245% in sales tax within the boundaries of the FQEDD, for purpose of funding enhanced and supplemental public safety services and homeless assistance services to facilitate economic development projects within the FQEDD 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 the current .245% sales tax levied within the boundaries of the French Quarter Economic Development District (“FQEDD”), 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 FQEDD, be renewed for a period of five years, beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2031 (an estimated \$3,158,794.00 million reasonably expected at this time to be collected as a result of the levy per year) for the purpose of funding POST Certified supplemental police patrols and homeless assistance services, with the initial \$2 million collected in any year dedicated to supplemental police patrols and any additional revenue to be divided between additional patrols and public safety programs (including homeless assistance), and administered by the French Quarter Management District for fiscal and operational oversight of the FQEDD Trust Fund and services provided by such fund and subject to quarterly budget and expenditure reports to the City Council, to facilitate economic development within the FQEDD?”

SECTION 2. District Boundaries. The boundaries of the FQEDD 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 New Orleans City Council, in its capacity as the governing authority of the FQEDD, acting under the powers granted to it by state law, shall meet in open and public session on Thursday, December 18, 2025 beginning no earlier than 10:00 a.m., in the 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. Polling Places. The polling places set forth in the aforesaid notice of election are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the commissioners-in-charge and commissioners will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 6. 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 City Council, as the governing authority of the FQEDD. All registered voters in the district are entitled to vote at said election and voting machines shall be used thereat.

SECTION 7. 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 FQEDD 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 8. 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 9. 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 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 FQEDD 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-25-XX, adopted by the French Quarter Economic Development District (“FQEDD”) on August 7, 2025, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that a special election will be held in New Orleans on Saturday, November 15, 2025, and that at said special election there will be submitted to all registered voters residing within the FQEDD 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 FQEDD 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 \$15,400.

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Orleans, Louisiana 70112 and shall then and there proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of said election.

**THUS DONE AND SIGNED AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, ON THIS _____ DAY
OF _____, 2025.**

**AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE
FRENCH QUARTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**