French Quarter MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Meeting Notes

Wednesday, 6 May, 2026, 3:00 PM

Bienville House, 320 Decatur Street, New Orleans, LA 70130

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Guest Welcome & Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS				Approve previous meeting notes
First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent	
Glade	Bilby	X		Yes
Christian	Pendleton	X		Yes
David	Bilbe		X	-
Joey	DiFatta	X		Yes
Daniel	Hammer	X		Yes
Steve	Caputo	X		Yes
KC	Guidry	X		Abstain

INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES:

GUESTS		
First	Last	Role
Michelle	Courseault	FQMD Executive Director
Shelby	Ursu	FQMD Coordinator
Ellie	Rand	Ellie Rand Public Relations
Ian	Mundee	Studio Mundi
Mike	Ince	City of New Orleans/Nighttime Economy
Jessica	Dietz	FQMD SEC Vice-Chair

2. Public Comment

FQMD Commissioner and Secretary Sue Klein submitted a written public comment regarding agenda item 4C, *Government Advocacy – Top Issues Emerging in 2026*, which is attached immediately following the meeting notes.

3. Motion – Consider a motion to approve the previous meeting notes

Joey DiFatta made a motion to approve the previous meeting notes. Christian Pendleton seconded the motion, and it was approved. KC Guidry abstained due to her absence.

4. Discussions
    a. French Quarter Task Force App Marketing - Presented by Ellie Rand & Ian Mundee

See attached document. The Committee discussed the marketing rollout for the newly updated French Quarter Task Force app and strategies to increase downloads and engagement among hospitality workers, businesses, and residents. Feedback focused on clarifying the app's purpose, particularly by making the "Call 911 in an emergency" language more prominent and replacing "report a crime" with "report an issue" to better capture quality-of-life concerns and reduce hesitation around reporting. Committee members recommended adding examples of suspicious behavior, including following individuals, and including "plus others" to indicate additional reporting options within the app. The group also agreed to remove references to the New Orleans Police Department, Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office, and Louisiana State Police in promotional language, instead referring only to the Supplemental Police Patrol Program (SPPP), while adding an image of an SPPP patrol vehicle for recognition.

Marketing materials will include 5,000 flyers, 250 posters, 100 back-of-house posters, and 5,000 business card-sized handouts, with versions in Spanish and messaging highlighting the app as a “new and improved” relaunch for Android and Apple devices. Distribution will focus on employee break areas, garages, back-of-house spaces, hospitality portals, websites, and other high-traffic staff locations rather than tourist-facing areas. The Committee also discussed concerns about requiring personal contact information within the app and plans to revisit app terminology, including the “homelessness” reporting category, through a broader internal survey process.

b. State Legislative Session 2026
   i. House Bill 1007
   ii. Senate Bill 286

See attached documents. Committee Chair Glade Bilby provided an update on the current legislative session, highlighting three bills, House Bill 1007, Senate Bill 286, and House Bill 483, that could impact the FQMD. He noted that if the proposed district expansion measures pass, the patrol area could more than double, making early planning critical to ensure efficient deployment of police patrols and services. Senate Bill 286 would extend the Downtown Development District’s term to 50 years and is not expected to significantly affect the FQMD, though potential impacts on the Faubourg Marigny remain a consideration. Mr. G. Bilby stated that the Faubourg Marigny may look to the FQMD as a model for establishing its own service program rather than relying on the FQMD to absorb additional territory. He and FQMD Executive Director Michelle Courseault will continue discussions with the Marigny Business Association and keep the Committee informed as the legislation progresses. The Committee also discussed whether pursuing a longer sunset provision than the FQMD’s current five-year term should be considered in the future.

c. Government Advocacy- Top Issues Emerging in 2026

Mr. G. Bilby stated that there is movement to expand zoning to allow more short-term rentals in the French Quarter, specifically affecting the first three blocks of North Peters Street and Decatur Street, as well as the 400 blocks of Bienville and Iberville. He noted that many residents strongly oppose the change due to concerns about negative neighborhood impacts seen in other areas with short-term rental concentrations. While some property owners are pushing the proposal to City Council, there is also visible community pushback, including plans for “save our neighborhood” and “no short-term rentals” messaging. It was also noted that a recent unsolved shooting in the 8th district was linked to a short-term rental, reinforcing safety concerns.

5. New Business– To consider and take action upon any other matters that may properly come before the French Quarter Management District Government Affairs Committee

Mr. Pendleton recommended that the Committee reach out to the new administration regarding the City’s plan for barricade deployment on Bourbon Street. He added that the Security & Enforcement Committee will be discussing this as well at their upcoming meeting next week.

Mr. DiFatta reported that the proposal for a memorial dedicated to the victims of the 2025 New Year’s incident has been approved by the Governor and is moving forward.

6. Adjournment

Steve Caputo made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Pendleton seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 4:05 PM.

The next scheduled meeting date of the Committee is Wednesday, June 3rd, 2026 at 3 PM.

Outlook

Item #7 on Security & Enforcement Agenda for May 6, 2026

From Susan Klein <fqfemme@gmail.com>
Date Tue 5/5/2026 4:12 PM
To Michelle Courseault <executivedirector@fqmd.org>
Cc cpendleton@neworleans-food.com <cpendleton@neworleans-food.com>; jdietzlaw@hotmail.com <jdietzlaw@hotmail.com>

Good Afternoon,

Pursuant to the updated Public Comment Policy as stated on the FQMD website, I am submitting the following comment for the Security and Enforcement Committees May 6th, 2026 meeting regarding Agenda Item #7.

I am requesting that the SEC add special event parking regulations and enforcement to their 2026 Work Plan with recommendations to the Board of Commissions that the following be coordinated with the NOPD.

Specifically:

- Allow parking for residential RPP holders on all FQ streets with the exception of hard closures like the Bourbon Street Promenade. Two hour parking for non-RPP holders would not be allowed.
- Limit all Upper Quarter entry to FQ RPP holders and legitimate business passes. All RPPs are verifiable.
- Schedule 2 or 3 tow trucks for special events.

Justification:

- This is the perfect time to initiate this policy request, since parking enforcement has moved from DPW to NOPD.
- Not allowing RPPs on-street parking in the Upper Quarter places a burden on both Upper and Lower Quarter residents. Under the current policy Upper Quarter residents migrate downriver to park which can be a public safety risk for them, and shrinks the downriver parking for residents living there, creating the same problem and safety hazard for them.
- On-street parking still allows emergency, security and delivery vehicles necessary passage with no obstructions.
- It should require no additional staffing, because manned barricades are in use now in the Upper Quarter for these events.

Please work with NOPD to revamp the outdated on-street parking model for special events.

Thank you for consideration,

Sue Klein
FQMD Commissioner & FQ Resident
1020 Toulouse Street
NOLA 70112

PROPOSED APPROACH/WORK PLAN

We plan to promote the Task Force App in two ways:

1. Promote the ease of use
2. Promote its history of success

There are a lot of other great things about it. We plan to highlight those on our new website page. But the main theme of our campaign will be that **the app is easy and effective.** We look forward to developing specific messaging with you in October.

Once we know what to say, we will get the word out in November and December of this year. To that end, we plan to create the following materials for immediate distribution in hotels, restaurants, retail, and online:

CONTENT DEVELOPMENT and CREATIVE PRODUCTION

- Develop new web page content and graphics
- Design posters, QR signage, one-pagers for Main Campaign
- Design inserts for hotel guest packets, table tents, and neighborhood flyers
- Create supporting messages/campaign materials (up to 4 specific benefits or features we want to highlight)

COLLATERAL PRODUCTION

- 8.5”x11” flyers / one-sheets
- 11”x17” posters
- 5”x7” QR code signage
- 4”x9” hotel rack cards
- 4”x6” table tents

TURNKEY PARTNER-READY MATERIALS

- Digital Graphics (various sizes for social media), Captions, and Copy Blocks
- Supporting graphics for partner emails, blogs and online usage

By the end of the year, we will demonstrate the campaign’s effectiveness with (1) analytics of website traffic, (2) support from SDT’s app team to report the number of app downloads, (3) as well as police reporting of incidents reported through the app.

But our effectiveness doesn’t stop there. These materials are designed to continue into the new year. The table tents, posters, and supporting pieces will remain in use through the Sugar Bowl, Mardi Gras and beyond.

French Quarter
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Government Affairs Committee

5/6 Agenda Item:

2026 Legislative Session

□ Approve ***X Provide Feedback*** □ Receive & File

Purpose

Build shared understanding of emerging district models and identify whether future discussion on FQMD positioning is warranted.

2026 Legislative Snapshot: HB 1007 (Faubourg Marigny) & SB 286 (DDD)

HB 1007 – Faubourg Marigny Improvement District

Creates a neighborhood “political subdivision of the state” funded by voter-approved parcel fees with renewal periods “not to exceed eight years.”

Key Sections, see attached:

- p.1 — District Creation / Political Subdivision
- p.2 — Authority to Levy Fees / Voter Approval
- p.3 — Authorized Uses of Funds
- p.4 — Renewal Terms (8-Year Limit)

SB 286 – Downtown Development District (DDD)

Modernizes the DDD as a “political subdivision of the state,” with taxes collected by the City and remitted to the district, and establishes a fifty-year statutory sunset.

Key Sections, see attached

- p.1 — Political Subdivision Status
- p.3 — Board Composition / Additional Seats
- p.3 — Tax Collection & Remittance Structure
- p.5 — Sunset Provision (50-Year Term)

What, if anything, in these bills is relevant to how FQMD is structured, funded, or positioned long-term?

Introduced
Mar 25, 2026

Passed House
Apr 23, 2026

Passed Senate

Became Law

HB 1007

Contact a legislator

Louisiana House Bill

DISTRICTS/SPECIAL: Creates the Faubourg Nouveau Marigny Improvement District in Orleans Parish

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Last Action

See all actions

Senate • Apr 28, 2026: Read second time by title and referred to the Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs.

Summary

House Bill No. [insert bill number] proposes the creation of the Faubourg Nouveau Marigny Improvement District in Orleans Parish, establishing it as a political subdivision aimed at promoting the beautification and overall betterment of the Faubourg Nouveau Marigny neighborhood. The district will be governed by a five-member board of commissioners, which includes the president and vice president of the New Marigny Neighborhood Association and three members elected by district residents. Elected members will serve staggered two-year terms, and the board will have the authority to adopt bylaws, enter contracts, and manage funds for various improvement projects.

The bill also authorizes the city of New Orleans to impose a parcel fee within the district, subject to voter approval, with specific fee structures for different types of parcels. The fees collected will be used exclusively for the district's purposes, and the bill outlines the collection process, including enforcement measures similar to those for ad valorem taxes. Additionally, the district will be required to adopt an annual budget and will be subject to audits. If the district ceases to exist, all funds will be transferred to the city for continued beautification efforts in the area. The act will take effect upon the governor's signature or after the designated time for gubernatorial action.

Sponsors

Alonzo L. Knox
primary
(D - 93)

Apr 23, 2026, House
FINAL PASSAGE (#694)
YES: 82 NO: 13 OTHER: 10

Actions

Apr 28, 2026 | Senate
- Read second time by title and referred to the Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs.

Apr 27, 2026 | Senate
- Received in the Senate. Read first time by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

Apr 23, 2026 | House
- Read third time by title, roll called on final passage, yeas 82, nays 13. Finally passed, title adopted, ordered to the Senate.

SLS 26RS-448 **REENGROSSED**

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 286

BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

SPECIAL DISTRICTS. Provides relative to the New Orleans Downtown Development District. (gov sig)

AN ACT

To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 33:2740.3(A) and 2740.3(A)(2), (C)(1), (F), and (H) and to enact R.S. 33:2740.3(G)(5), relative to the Downtown Development District of the city of New Orleans; to provide relative to the appointment of members of the board of commissioners of the Downtown Development District of the city of New Orleans; to provide relative to the term of the special tax authorized to be levied by the city of New Orleans for the district; to provide for the disbursement of the proceeds of the special tax; to provide for the classification of the district as a political subdivision; to provide relative to the payment of bonds payable from the special tax; to provide for voter approval for the levy of taxes or the issuance of bonds; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. The introductory paragraph of R.S. 33:2740.3(A) and 2740.3(A)(2), (C)(1), (F), and (H) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 33:2740.3(G)(5) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§2740.3. The Downtown Development District of the City of New Orleans; creation, composition, and powers; preparation of plans; levy of ad valorem taxes and issuance of bonds

A.(1) There shall be, and there hereby is, created a special taxing district**, which shall be a political subdivision,** within the city of New Orleans comprised of all the territory within the following prescribed boundaries:

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(2) The special taxing district shall be **a political subdivision of the state** known as and is hereby designated the Downtown Development District of the City of New Orleans, hereinafter in this Section referred to as the "district", the creation to be effective January 1, 1975.

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C.(1) The board shall be composed of eleven members, at least five of whom shall be qualified voters of the city of New Orleans, and shall have their principal place of business in, or own property in, the district. Each board member shall be subject to confirmation by the New Orleans city council.

(a) The members of the board shall possess additional qualifications and shall be appointed as follows:

(i) Two of the members shall be appointed by the mayor **of the city of New Orleans**.

(ii) One of the members shall be appointed by the New Orleans city council member representing ~~City Council~~ District B **of the New Orleans city council**.

(iii) One of the members shall be appointed by New Orleans & Company.

(iv) Two of the members shall be appointed by the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce~~, subject to approval by the president of the New Orleans city council~~.

(v) One of the members shall be appointed by the Greater New Orleans Hotel and Lodging Association~~, subject to approval by the president of the New Orleans city council~~.

(vi) One of the members shall be appointed by the Louisiana Restaurant

Association~~, subject to approval by the president of the New Orleans city council~~.

(vii) One of the members shall be appointed by the member or members of the Louisiana House of Representatives ~~who represent~~ **representing** the district.

(viii) Two of the members shall be appointed by the member or members of the Louisiana Senate ~~who represent~~ **representing** the district.

(b) ~~Upon the first meeting, the members of the board shall be randomly allotted terms as follows: three members for one year each, three members for two years each, three members for three years each, and two members for four years each; the length of the term for each individual appointed to be determined by lot. They shall serve until their successors have been appointed and qualified. Each board member shall be required to annually provide an affidavit attesting that the board member has a principal place of business or owns property in the district.~~ **Using the initial staggered terms of each appointed member as established by the district in September 2025, any newly appointed or reappointed board member shall serve a term of five years, provided that if at the expiration of any term of office of any board member a successor thereto has not been elected, then the member whose term of office has expired shall continue to hold office until the successor shall be appointed**.

~~(c) The members of the board thereafter appointed by the mayor upon the expiration of the respective terms of the initial appointees shall be selected and appointed in accordance with the procedures in this Subsection prescribed for the selection and appointment of the original members for the term of five years. However, vacancies shall be filled from nominations submitted by the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce in the following manner. The mayor shall select and appoint one of two names submitted to him by such council for each of the five vacancies for which the council is to submit nominees. If the selection and appointment by the mayor does not take place within thirty days following submission of the nominees by the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce, the selection and appointment shall be made by the city council. Any vacancy which occurs prior to the expiration of the~~

~~term for which a member of the board has been appointed shall be filled in accordance with the procedures as set forth herein. However, the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce may submit additional nominees to either the mayor or the city council, as applicable, until all vacancies pursuant to this Subsection are filled.~~

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F. The city council, in addition to all other taxes which it is now or hereafter may be authorized by law to levy and collect, is hereby authorized to levy and collect as hereinafter specifically provided for a term not to exceed fifty years ~~from and after the date that the first tax is levied pursuant to the provisions of this Section~~, in the same manner and at the same time as all other ad valorem taxes on property subject to taxation by the city are levied and collected, a special ad valorem tax upon all taxable real property situated within the boundaries of the ~~core area development~~ district. ~~The number of mills hereby authorized shall be computed by dividing the number of mills levied and collected by the city of New Orleans for general operating purposes for the year 1977 into the number of mills levied and collected by the city of New Orleans for general operating purposes for the year 1978 and multiplying the result by ten. No such tax shall be levied until a plan requiring or requesting the levy of a tax is finally and conclusively adopted in accordance with the procedures prescribed in this Section.~~ The proceeds of the tax shall be used solely and exclusively for the purposes and benefit of the district. ~~The~~ **<u>Beginning with revenues of such tax for the year 2027, and thereafter, the</u>** proceeds **<u>of the tax</u>** shall be paid over to the ~~Board of Liquidation, City Debt,~~ **<u>district</u>** day by day as the same are collected and received by the appropriate officials of the city of New Orleans and maintained **<u>by the district</u>** in a separate account. ~~The tax proceeds shall be paid out by the Board of Liquidation, City Debt, solely for the purposes herein provided upon warrants or drafts drawn on the Board of Liquidation, City Debt, by the appropriate officials of the city and the treasurer of the district.~~

G.(1) * * *

<u>(5) In the event that bonds payable from the special tax authorized,</u>

levied, and collected pursuant to the provisions of this Section have been issued, the district shall transfer to the Board of Liquidation, City Debt, from the first revenues of such tax received in any calendar year, a sum equal to the principal and interest payable on the bonds in that calendar year. After such amount of the revenues of the tax have actually been transferred to the Board of Liquidation, City Debt, then all revenues of the tax remaining in that year shall be retained by the district and free for expenditure by the district for the purposes for which the tax was authorized by the voters.

H. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section to the contrary, no tax authorized in this Section shall be levied and no bonds shall be issued unless and until the maximum amount of the tax and the maximum amount of the bonds has been approved by a majority of the electors **of the district** voting thereon ~~in the city of New Orleans~~ in an election called for that purpose. No bonds issued pursuant to this Section shall be general obligations of the state of Louisiana, the parish of Orleans, or the city of New Orleans.

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

SB 286 Reengrossed 2026 Regular Session Duplessis

Present law (R.S. 33:2740.3) creates the Downtown Development District of the city of New Orleans.

Proposed law retains present law and clarifies that the Downtown Development District of the city of New Orleans shall be classified as a political subdivision.

Present law (R.S. 33:2740.3(C)) provides that the board shall be composed of 11 members, at least five of whom shall be qualified voters of the city of New Orleans, and shall have their principal place of business in, or own property in, the district. Provides that each board member shall be subject to confirmation by the New Orleans city council.

Proposed law retains present law clarifies that each board member shall be nominated and subject to confirmation by a simple majority vote of the New Orleans city council.

Proposed law provides that each nominating individual or entity shall provide its proposed nomination to the clerk of the city council and the city council shall timely consider the nomination for final appointment. Further provides that if any of the nominating entities set forth in present law shall at any time cease to exist, then its right to nominate a member of the board shall revert to the mayor.

Proposed law provides that the members of the board shall possess additional qualifications and shall be appointed as follows:

(1) Two of the members shall be appointed by the mayor of the city of New Orleans.

(2) One of the members shall be appointed by the New Orleans city council member representing City Council District B of the New Orleans city council.

(3) One of the members shall be appointed by New Orleans & Company.

(4) Two of the members shall be appointed by the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce, subject to approval by the president of the New Orleans city council.

(5) One of the members shall be appointed by the Greater New Orleans Hotel and Lodging Association, subject to approval by the president of the New Orleans city council.

(6) One of the members shall be appointed by the La. Restaurant Association, subject to approval by the president of the New Orleans city council.

(7) One of the members shall be appointed by the member or members of the La. House of Representatives who represent the district.

(8) Two of the members shall be appointed by the member or members of the La. Senate who represent the district.

Proposed law retains present law but mandates that the members are nominated instead of appointed and removes provisions requiring that certain members be approved by the president of the New Orleans city council.

Present law provides that upon the first meeting, the members of the board shall be randomly allotted terms as follows: three members for one year each, three members for two years each, three members for three years each, and two members for four years each; the length of the term for each individual appointed to be determined by lot. Provides that the board members shall serve until their successors have been appointed and qualified. Further provides that each board member shall be required to annually provide an affidavit attesting that the board member has a principal place of business or owns property in the district.

Proposed law provides that any newly appointed or reappointed board member shall serve a term of five years, provided that if at the expiration of any term of office of any board member a successor thereto has not been elected, then the member whose term of office has expired shall continue to hold office until their successor shall be so appointed.

Present law provides that the members of the board thereafter appointed by the mayor upon the expiration of the respective terms of the initial appointees shall be selected and appointed in accordance with the procedures in present law prescribed for the selection and appointment of the original members for the term of five years. Further provides that vacancies shall be filled from nominations submitted by the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce.

Present law provides that the mayor shall select and appoint one of two names submitted to him by the council for each of the five vacancies for which the council is to submit nominees. If the selection and appointment by the mayor does not take place within 30 days following submission of the nominees by the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce, the selection and appointment shall be made by the city council.

Present law provides that any vacancy which occurs prior to the expiration of the term for which a member of the board has been appointed shall be filled in accordance with the procedures as set forth in present law. Further provides that the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce may submit additional nominees to either the mayor or the city council, as applicable, until all vacancies pursuant to present law are filled.
Proposed law deletes present law.

Present law (R.S. 33:2740.3(F)) provides that the city council, in addition to all other taxes which it is now or hereafter may be authorized by law to levy and collect, is hereby authorized to levy and collect as hereinafter specifically provided for a term not to exceed 50 years from and after the date that the first tax is levied pursuant to the provisions of present law in the same manner and at the same time as all other ad valorem taxes on property subject to taxation by the city are levied and collected, a special ad valorem tax upon all taxable real property situated within the boundaries of the core area development district.

Proposed law retains present law but changes applicability of the maximum 50-year term from and after the date that the first tax is levied pursuant to the provisions of present law to after the next imposition of the tax.

Present law provides that the number of mills hereby authorized shall be computed by dividing the number of mills levied and collected by the city of New Orleans for general operating purposes for the year 1977 into the number of mills levied and collected by the city of New Orleans for general operating purposes for the year 1978 and multiplying the result by 10. Further provides that no such tax shall be levied until a plan requiring or requesting the levy of a tax is finally and conclusively adopted in accordance with the procedures prescribed in present law.

Proposed law deletes present law.

Present law provides that the proceeds of the tax shall be used solely and exclusively for the purposes and benefit of the district. The proceeds shall be paid over to the Board of Liquidation, City Debt day by day as the same are collected and received by the appropriate officials of the city of New Orleans and maintained by the district in a separate account.

Proposed law provides that beginning with revenues of the tax for the year 2027, and thereafter, the proceeds of the tax shall be paid over to the district day by day as the same are collected and received by the appropriate officials of the city of New Orleans and maintained by the district in a separate account.

Present law provides that the tax proceeds shall be paid out by the Board of Liquidation, City Debt solely for the purposes herein provided upon warrants or drafts drawn on the Board of Liquidation, City Debt by the appropriate officials of the city and the treasurer of the district.

Proposed law deletes present law.

Proposed law provides that in the event that bonds payable from the special tax authorized, levied and collected pursuant to the provisions of present law have been issued, the district shall transfer to the Board of Liquidation, City Debt from the first revenues of the tax received in any calendar year, a sum equal to the principal and interest payable on the bonds in that calendar year. Further provides that after the revenues of the tax have actually been transferred to the Board of Liquidation, City Debt then all revenues of the tax remaining in that year shall be free for expenditure by the district for the purposes for which the tax was authorized by the voters.

Present law provides that, notwithstanding any other provision of present law to the contrary, no tax authorized in present law shall be levied and no bonds shall be issued unless and until the maximum amount of the tax and the maximum amount of the bonds has been approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon in the city of New Orleans in an election called for that purpose. Provides that no bonds issued pursuant to present law shall be general obligations of the state of Louisiana, the parish of Orleans, or the city of New Orleans.

Proposed law retains present law but changes the requirement that the maximum amount of the tax and the maximum amount of the bonds be approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon in the city of New Orleans and instead requires approval by a majority of the electors of the district.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 33:2740.3(A)(intro para) and 2740.3(A)(2), (C)(1), (F) and (H); adds R.S. 33:2740.3(G)(5))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs to the original bill

1. Makes technical changes.

2. Removes provisions requiring that certain board members be approved by the president of the New Orleans city council.

3. Changes the applicability of the maximum 50-year term of the special tax authorized to be levied by the city of New Orleans from and after the date that the first tax is levied pursuant to the provisions of present law to after the next imposition of the tax.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Changes the required voter approval for the maximum amount of the tax and the maximum amount of the bonds of the Downtown Development District of the city of New Orleans from the electorate in the city of New Orleans to the electorate of the district.

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1007

BY REPRESENTATIVE KNOX

DISTRICTS/SPECIAL: Creates the Faubourg Nouveau Marigny Improvement District in Orleans Parish

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:9084, relative to Orleans Parish; to create the Faubourg Nouveau Marigny Improvement District; to provide relative to the boundaries, purpose, governance, and powers and duties of the district; to provide for district funding; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of Louisiana.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 33:9084 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§9084. Faubourg Nouveau Marigny Improvement District

A. There is hereby created within the parish of Orleans, as more specifically provided in Subsection B of this Section, a body politic and corporate which shall be known as the Faubourg Nouveau Marigny Improvement District, referred to in this Section as the "district". The district shall be a political subdivision of the state as defined in the Constitution of Louisiana.

B. The boundaries of the district shall include the area located within the following perimeter: St. Bernard Avenue, North Claiborne Avenue, Elysian Fields Avenue, St. Claude Avenue, and Joseph Guillaume Place.

C. The purpose of the district shall be to promote and encourage the beautification and overall betterment of the Faubourg Nouveau Marigny neighborhood.

D.(1) The district shall be governed by a board of commissioners, referred to in this Section as the "board", composed of five members as follows:

(a) The president and vice president of the New Marigny Neighborhood Association.

(b) Three members elected by the residents of the district. The elected members must be residents of the district.

(2)(a) Elected members shall serve two-year terms after serving initial terms as provided in Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph.

(b) Two members shall serve an initial term of one year and one member shall serve an initial term of two years as determined by lot at the first meeting of the board. Members shall be eligible for reelection.

(3) The members of the board shall select from among themselves a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. The duties of the officers shall be fixed by bylaws adopted by the board.

(4) The members of the board shall serve without compensation.

(5) The minute books and archives of the district shall be maintained by the board's secretary. The monies, funds, and accounts of the district shall be in the official custody of the board.

(6) The board shall adopt such rules and regulations as it deems necessary or advisable for conducting its business affairs. Rules and regulations of the board relative to the notice and conduct of meetings shall conform to the Open Meetings Law. The board shall hold regular meetings as shall be provided for in the bylaws and may hold special meetings at such times and places within the district as may be provided in the bylaws. The board shall also be subject to the Public Records Law and the Code of Governmental Ethics.

(7) A majority of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The board shall keep minutes of all meetings and shall make them available through the board's secretary.

E. The district, acting through its board, shall have the following powers and duties:

(1) To sue and be sued.

(2) To adopt bylaws and regulations.

(3) To enter into contracts and cooperative agreements.

(4) To solicit and accept funds, grants, donations, and appropriations.

(5) To purchase property within the district.

(6) To fund beautification, landscaping, and streetscape projects.

(7) To improve infrastructure, lighting, and signage.

(8) To organize neighborhood clean-ups and community events.

(9) To support blight remediation efforts.

(10) To collaborate with city agencies and private partners on improvement initiatives.

F.(1) The governing authority of the city of New Orleans may impose and collect a parcel fee within the district subject to and in accordance with the provisions of this Subsection.

(2)(a) The amount of the fee shall be as provided by duly adopted resolution of the board.

(b)(i) The fee for improved residential parcels shall be a flat fee per parcel of land not to exceed one hundred dollars per year.

(ii) If the owner of the parcel qualifies for and receives a special assessment level as provided in Article VII, Section 18(G)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana, then the fee shall be a flat fee per parcel of land not to exceed twenty-five dollars per year.

(c) The fee for improved commercial parcels shall be a flat fee per parcel of land not to exceed one hundred dollars per year.

(d) The fee for unimproved commercial and residential parcels shall be a flat fee per parcel of land not to exceed five hundred dollars per year.

(e)(i) The fee for improved parcels that are used for both commercial and residential purposes shall be a flat fee per parcel of land not to exceed two hundred dollars per year.

(ii) If the owner of the parcel qualifies for and receives a homestead exemption as provided in Article VII, Section 20 of the Constitution of Louisiana, then the fee shall be a flat fee per parcel of land not to exceed one hundred dollars per year.

(iii) No fee shall be imposed upon any parcel whose owner qualifies for and receives a homestead exemption as provided in Article VII, Section 20 of the Constitution of Louisiana and a special assessment level as provided in Article VII, Section 18(G)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

(3)(a) For purposes of this Section, "parcel" means a lot, a subdivided portion of ground, an individual tract, or a "condominium parcel" as defined in R.S. 9:1121.103.

(b) The owner of each parcel shall be responsible for payment of the fee.

(4)(a) The fee shall be imposed only after the question of its imposition has been approved by a majority of the registered voters of the district who vote on the proposition at an election held for that purpose in accordance with the Louisiana Election Code. The amount of the fee may be changed by duly adopted resolution of the board, not to exceed the maximum amount authorized by this Subsection. No other election shall be required except as provided by this Paragraph.

(b) The fee shall expire at the end of the term provided for in the proposition authorizing the fee, not to exceed eight years, but may be renewed as provided in Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph. Any election to authorize the renewal of the fee shall be held for that purpose in accordance with the Louisiana Election Code. If the fee is renewed, the term of the imposition of the fee shall be as provided in the proposition authorizing such renewal, not to exceed eight years.

(5)(a) The fee shall be collected in the same manner and at the same time as ad valorem taxes on property subject to taxation by the city are levied and collected.

(b) Any fee which is unpaid shall be added to the tax rolls of the city and shall be enforced with the same authority and subject to the same penalties and procedures as unpaid ad valorem taxes.

(6) The proceeds of such fee shall be used solely and exclusively for the purpose and the benefit of the district; however, the city may retain one percent of the amount collected as a collection fee.

G.(1) The board shall adopt an annual budget in accordance with the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act, R.S. 39:1301 et seq.

(2) The district shall be subject to audit by the legislative auditor pursuant to R.S. 24:513.

H.(1) It is the purpose and intent of this Section that the additional personnel and services provided for through the fees authorized in this Section shall be supplemental to and not in lieu of the personnel and services provided in the district by the city of New Orleans.

(2) If the district ceases to exist, all funds of the district shall be transmitted by the board to the city of New Orleans, and such funds, together with any other funds collected by the city of New Orleans pursuant to this Section, shall be maintained in a separate account by the city and shall be used only to promote, encourage, and enhance the beautification and overall betterment of the area included in the district.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Creates the Faubourg Nouveau Marigny Improvement District in Orleans Parish.

Proposed law creates the Faubourg Nouveau Marigny Improvement District as a political subdivision in Orleans Parish for the purpose of promoting and encouraging the beautification and overall betterment of the Faubourg Nouveau Marigny neighborhood.

Proposed law provides that the district is governed by a five-member board of commissioners composed as follows:

(1) The president and vice president of the New Marigny Neighborhood Association.

(2) Three members elected by the residents of the district. The members must be residents of the district.

Proposed law provides that elected members serve two-year staggered terms.

Proposed law provides for the powers and duties of the district, including but not limited to the following:

(1) To sue and be sued.

(2) To adopt bylaws and regulations.

(3) To enter into contracts and cooperative agreements.

(4) To solicit and accept funds, grants, donations, and appropriations.

(5) To purchase property within the district.

(6) To fund beautification, landscaping, and streetscape projects.

Proposed law authorizes the governing authority of the city of New Orleans, subject to voter approval, to impose and collect a parcel fee within the district. Provides that the amount of the fee shall be as follows:

(1) A flat fee not to exceed $100 per year for improved residential parcels.

(2) A flat fee not to exceed $25 per year for improved residential parcels whose owner qualifies for a special assessment.

(3) A flat fee not to exceed $100 per year for improved commercial parcels.

(4) A flat fee not to exceed $500 per year for unimproved commercial and residential parcels.

(5) A flat fee not to exceed $200 per year for improved parcels used for both commercial and residential purposes.

(6) A flat fee not to exceed $100 per year for improved parcels used for both commercial and residential purposes whose owner qualifies for a homestead exemption.

(7) No fee imposed on improved parcels used for both commercial and residential purposes whose owner qualifies for a homestead exemption and a special assessment.

Proposed law provides that the amount of the fee may be changed by duly adopted resolution of the board, not to exceed the maximum amount.

Proposed law provides that the fee shall expire at the end of the term provided for in the proposition authorizing the fee, not to exceed eight years. Authorizes renewal of the fee for a term provided for in the proposition, not to exceed eight years.

Proposed law provides that the fee shall be collected in the same manner and at the same time as ad valorem taxes and that any unpaid fee shall be added to the city tax rolls and enforced with the same authority and subject to the same penalties and procedures as unpaid ad valorem taxes.

Proposed law provides that the proceeds of the fee shall be used solely for the purpose and benefit of the district. Authorizes the city to retain 1% of the amount collected as a collection fee.

Proposed law requires the district's board to adopt an annual budget in accordance with present law (La. Local Government Budget Act) and provides that the district shall be subject to audit by the legislative auditor.

Proposed law provides that it is the purpose and intent of proposed law that the additional personnel and services provided for through the fees authorized by proposed law shall be supplemental to, and not in lieu of, personnel and services provided in the district by the city of New Orleans.

Proposed law provides that if the district ceases to exist, all district funds shall be transmitted to the city of New Orleans and used to promote, encourage, and enhance the beautification and overall betterment of the area included in the district.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 33:9084)