

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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New law creates the Real Timbers Crime Prevention and Improvement District in Orleans Parish as a political subdivision for the purpose of promoting and encouraging the beautification, security, and overall betterment of the district. Provides for district boundaries.

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

- (1) The president, secretary, treasurer, and parliamentarian of the Real Timbers Homeowners Association (association).
- (2) Three members appointed by the association who shall be residents of the district.

New law provides that appointed members serve five-year staggered terms.

New 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, use, and alter at will a corporate seal.
- (3) To receive and expend funds collected pursuant to an authorized parcel fee and in accordance with an adopted budget.
- (4) To enter into contracts with individuals or entities, private or public.
- (5) To provide or enhance security patrols in the district and to provide for improved lighting, signage, or matters relating to the security and beautification of the district.
- (6) To enter into contracts and agreements for security, improvement, or betterment of the district, including with one or more other districts for the joint security, improvement, or betterment of all participating districts.

New law authorizes the governing authority of the city of New Orleans, subject to voter approval, to levy and collect a parcel fee within the district. Provides that the parcel fee shall be a flat fee per parcel of land not to exceed \$315 per parcel. Defines "parcel" as a lot, a subdivided portion of ground, an individual tract, or a "condominium parcel" as defined in existing law.

New law provides that the fee expires at the time provided in the proposition authorizing the fee, not to exceed five years. Authorizes renewal of the fee, subject to voter approval, for a term as provided in the proposition authorizing the renewal, not to exceed five years.

New law requires that the fee be collected in the same manner and at the same time as ad valorem taxes. Authorizes the city to retain 1% of the amount collected.

New law requires the district's board to adopt an annual budget in accordance with existing law (R.S. 39:1301 et seq.) and provides that the district shall be subject to audit by the legislative auditor.

New law provides that it is the purpose and intent of new law that the additional law enforcement personnel and services provided for through the fees authorized by new law shall be supplemental to, and not in lieu of, personnel and services provided in the district by the city of New Orleans. Further provides that if the district ceases to exist, funds of the district shall be transmitted to the city of New Orleans, and such funds, together with other funds collected pursuant to new law, shall be maintained in a separate account and shall be used only to promote, encourage, and enhance the security of the area included in the district.

Effective May 30, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 33:9091.30)