

New law creates the Eastover Neighborhood Improvement and Security District in Orleans Parish as a political subdivision of the state for the purpose of promoting and encouraging the beautification, security, and overall betterment of the district. Provides that the district will be governed by the members of the Eastover Property Owner's Association's board of directors. Provides for the district's boundaries and powers and duties.

New 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 which amount shall be as requested by duly adopted board resolution. Provides that the fee shall be a flat fee per parcel of land and the initial fee shall be \$1,652 per year. Provides that the amount of the fee may be increased or decreased, subject to voter approval. Provides for a reduced combined parcel fee if multiple adjacent parcels are combined for the purpose of housing a single family dwelling. Provides relative to calculating the combined parcel fee. Defines a parcel as a lot, a subdivided portion of ground, an individual tract, or a condominium parcel as defined in existing law (R.S. 9:1121.103).

New law requires that the fee be collected in the same manner and at the same time as ad valorem taxes and that any unpaid fee 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. New law requires that the fee proceeds be used solely and exclusively for the district's purpose and benefit. Authorizes the city to retain 1% of the amount collected as a collection fee and requires the city to remit to the district all amounts collected not more than 60 days after collection.

New law requires the district's board to adopt an annual budget in accordance with the Local Government Budget Act 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 their 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 New Orleans Police Dept.

New law requires the district's board, if the district ceases to exist, to transmit all district funds to the city. Requires that such funds together with any other funds collected by the city pursuant to new law be maintained in a separate account by the city. Requires that such funds be used only to promote, encourage, and enhance the security, beautification, and overall betterment of the area included in the district.

Effective upon signature of governor (June 12, 2013).

(Adds R.S. 33:9091.21)