

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 223

BY REPRESENTATIVE JIMMY HARRIS

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the board of commissioners of the Orleans Levee District to develop and implement procedures relative to the Lakeshore Drive area of the New Orleans lakefront.

WHEREAS, the Lakeshore Drive area of the New Orleans lakefront is a very beautiful area that attracts a vast array of daily visitors; and

WHEREAS, levee district police need to be more visible by conducting foot patrol on busy days and issuing citations for violations of any nuisance or litter ordinances; and

WHEREAS, if levee district police are unable to provide the necessary manpower, the board of commissioners should enlist park rangers for the enforcement of the code of ordinances of the City of New Orleans and the home rule charter of the City of New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, signage is needed in high traffic areas along the Lakeshore Drive area of the New Orleans lakefront informing visitors that glass and bottles are prohibited, disclosing the amount of litter fines for littering in general and discharging litter in Lake Pontchartrain, informing visitors that permits are required for special events, and providing a contact number for the levee board police; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Lakeshore Drive area of the New Orleans lakefront for the board of commissioners of the Orleans Levee District to design and implement a premium special events structure; and

WHEREAS, the board of commissioners should require a special event permit and liability insurance for special events or events using temporary structures or portable outdoor

fixtures such as a spacewalk, pool, portable toilet, tents exceeding one hundred square feet, live entertainment, including a disc jockey, or any event with twenty or more people; and

WHEREAS, for the purposes of this resolution, a special event means a fair, picnic, or other social event sponsored by a person, corporation or organization when such functions do not continue for a period in excess of three days; and

WHEREAS, nonprofits, schools, universities, and colleges should be exempt from permit fees but not exempt from the special event permitting processes; and

WHEREAS, the Lakeshore Drive area of the New Orleans lakefront is a unique and vibrant area that will benefit from the enactment of policies to improve and sustain the treasure that the Lakeshore Drive area is to the New Orleans lakefront.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the board of commissioners of the Orleans Levee District to develop and implement policies and procedures to enhance the safety and beautification of the Lakeshore Drive area of the New Orleans lakefront.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the board of commissioners of the Orleans Levee District.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES