
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to the boundaries and the parcel fee for the Lake Terrace Crime Prevention district in Orleans Parish.

Present law creates and provides for the Lake Terrace Crime Prevention District in Orleans Parish as a political subdivision of the state for the purpose of aiding in crime prevention and enhancing the security of district residents. Provides for district boundaries. Provides that the district is governed by a seven-member board of commissioners and provides for the district's powers and duties.

Proposed law retains present law but makes changes to the district's boundaries.

Present law authorizes the governing authority of the city of New Orleans to impose and collect a parcel fee within the district. Provides that the fee shall be a flat fee per improved parcel of land not to exceed \$300, except that the fee shall be \$700 per year for each improved parcel with three or more family units.

Proposed law provides instead that the parcel fee shall be as follows:

- (1) For each improved parcel with three or more family units, the fee shall be \$700 per year.
- (2) For each improved parcel used as a short-term rental, the fee shall be a flat fee not to exceed \$1,750 per year.
- (3) For all other improved parcels, the fee shall be a flat fee not to exceed \$550 per year.

Proposed law provides that the amount of the fee in (2) and (3) above may be changed by duly adopted resolution of the board, not to exceed the maximum amount.

Present law requires that the initial election on the question of the imposition of the fee be held at the same time as the 2002 congressional primary election. Provides that the fee shall expire at the time provided in the proposition authorizing the fee, not to exceed eight years from its initial imposition. Authorizes renewal of the fee. Provides that any election to authorize renewal or increase of the fee shall be held only at the same time as the mayoral primary election. Provides that any such election may be called at the request of the board. Further provides that if the fee is renewed or increased, the term of the imposition of the fee shall be as provided in the proposition authorizing such renewal or increase, not to exceed eight years.

Proposed law instead 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. Provides that any election to authorize the renewal of the fee shall be held for that purpose in accordance with the La. Election Code. Further provides that 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.

Proposed law requires the governing authority of the city of New Orleans to continue to levy the fee until such time as it expires, as provided in the proposition approved by a majority of the district's registered voters voting on the proposition at an election held on Nov. 18, 2017. However, proposed law authorizes the board to submit the question of imposition of the fee as provided in proposed law to the voters prior to the expiration of the fee. Requires the governing authority to begin to levy a parcel fee as provided in proposed law if the parcel fee has been approved by the voters.

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

(Amends R.S. 33:9091.4(B) and (E)(1) and (3)(c); Repeals R.S. 33:9091.4(E)(3)(b))