

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 950

BY REPRESENTATIVE ALFRED WILLIAMS

DISTRICTS/CRIME PREVENT: Provides relative to the Goodwood Homesites Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Improvement District

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9097.20(B) and (F)(1) and (2) and to repeal R.S.  
3 33:9097.20(F)(3), relative to the Goodwood Homesites Crime Prevention and  
4 Neighborhood Improvement District; to provide relative to the boundaries of the  
5 district; to provide a reduced parcel fee for certain parcels; to provide for the  
6 maximum parcel fee the district may levy and collect; and to provide for related  
7 matters.

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

11 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

12 Section 1. R.S. 33:9097.20(B) and (F)(1) and (2) are hereby amended and reenacted  
13 to read as follows:

14 §9097.20 Goodwood Homesites Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Improvement  
15 District

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17 B. Boundaries. ~~The district shall include all property located within the~~  
18 ~~Goodwood Homesites Subdivision as established in the official subdivision plat filed~~  
19 ~~with the clerk of court of East Baton Rouge Parish. The district shall include all~~  
20 ~~residential and commercial parcels located on the following streets within the~~

1       ~~designated range of addresses: 7700-8800 Airline Highway, 8504-8836 Airway~~  
2       ~~Drive, 8076-8284 Albert Drive, 343-588 Fernwood Drive, 9065-8299 Franwood~~  
3       ~~Drive, 8134-8263 Gladewood, 8257-8461 Greenmoss Drive, 8044-8545 Harry~~  
4       ~~Drive, 966-8342 Landwood Drive, 1625-2300 N. Airway Drive, 943-1163~~  
5       ~~Orangewood Drive, 674-988 Princewood Court, 8021-8266 Queenswood Court,~~  
6       ~~8122-8281 Royalwood Drive, 7878-8056 S. Choctaw Drive, 422-561 Thornwood~~  
7       ~~Drive, 7933-8188 Tom Drive, and 674-1122 Wooddale Boulevard.~~ The district shall  
8       encompass the area known as Goodwood Homesites, Section 3, Lots 101 through  
9       433; Goodwood Homesites, Lot 11-A of square 11 and Lot 1 of square 12;  
10       Goodwood Homesites, Lot M-2, N-1-A, and N-2; and Lots A through H-2-A of the  
11       Joe Roppolo Tract.

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13               F. Parcel Fee. The governing authority of the city of Baton Rouge, parish  
14       of East Baton Rouge is hereby authorized to impose and collect a parcel fee within  
15       the district subject to and in accordance with the provisions of this Subsection.

16               (1) The amount of the fee shall be as requested by duly adopted resolution  
17       of the board. The fee shall be a flat fee per parcel of land not to exceed ~~one hundred~~  
18       ~~fifty dollars per year for residential parcels and four hundred fifty dollars per year~~  
19       ~~for commercial parcels; however, the fee shall not exceed seventy dollars per year~~  
20       ~~if any of the owners of the parcel is a person seventy years of age or older.~~ two  
21       hundred dollars per year for residential parcels, five hundred dollars per year for  
22       commercial parcels, and ninety dollars per year for parcels the owner of which  
23       qualifies for and receives a special assessment level of ad valorem taxes as provided  
24       in Article VII, Section 18(G)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

25               (2) The fee shall be imposed on each improved parcel located within the  
26       district. For the purposes of this Section, improved parcel is defined as a lot upon  
27       which a residence, commercial building, or other structure is situated.

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29       Section 2. R.S. 33:9097.20(F)(3) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

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**DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to the boundaries and parcel fee of the Goodwood Homesites Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Improvement District in East Baton Rouge Parish.

Present law creates the Goodwood Homesites Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Improvement District in East Baton Rouge Parish as a political subdivision of the state in order to aid in crime prevention and to add to the security of district residents by providing for an increase in the presence of law enforcement personnel in the district. Provides for district boundaries and powers and duties.

Proposed law revises the boundaries of the district.

Present law authorizes the governing authority of the city of Baton Rouge, parish of East Baton Rouge, 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 amount of the fee shall not be more than \$150 per parcel per year on residential properties and \$450 per parcel per year on commercial properties; provides however, that the fee shall not exceed \$70 per parcel per year if any of the owners of the parcel is a person 70 years of age or older.

Proposed law provides that the maximum amount that may be levied on parcels within the district is \$200 per year for residential parcels, \$500 per year for commercial parcels, or \$90 per year for parcel owners who meet the following criteria as provided in Art. VII, §18(G)(1) of the Constitution of La.:

- (1) People who are 65 years of age or older.
- (2) People who have a service-connected disability rating of 50% or more by the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs.
- (3) Members of the armed forces of the U.S. or the La. National Guard who owned and last occupied such property who are killed in action, or who are missing in action or are a prisoner of war for a period exceeding 90 days.
- (4) Any person or persons permanently totally disabled as determined by a final non-appealable judgment of a court or as certified by a state or federal administrative agency charged with the responsibility for making determinations regarding disability.

Proposed law otherwise retains present law.

Present law requires that the fee be imposed on each improved parcel located within the district. Defines "parcel" as a lot, a subdivided portion of ground, an individual tract, or a condominium parcel as defined in present law.

Proposed law defines improved parcel as a lot upon which a residence, commercial building, or other structure is situated.

(Amends R.S. 33:9097.20(B) and (F)(1) and (2); Repeals R.S. 33:9097.20(F)(3))