

Mid City Security District Minutes
Board Meeting of **July 19, 2023**, 6:00 P.M.
Pel Hughes, 3801 Toulouse Street, New Orleans LA

Chairwoman Wendy Laker called the meeting to order at 6:00pm with a roll call of participants which established a quorum.

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members present: Wendy Laker, Rick LaRusso, Robert Rivard, Al Williams, and Charley Richard. Since this was a special administrative meeting with only one agenda item, there were no presentations made and no guests were in attendance.

- VOTE ON RESOLUTION REGARDING PASSED AND SIGNED LEGISLATION: HB 296
 - Copies of the resolution (attached to these minutes) were distributed to the members. Since the resolution had been distributed earlier by email, W. Laker moved that a reading of the resolution be dispensed with which was seconded by R. LaRusso and approved unanimously. R. Rivard moved that the maximum term of 8 years as well as the figure of \$1,235,219 in generated funds (based on current year fees of \$937,344 plus an increase of \$297,875 from H.B. 296 as estimated by Office of the Legislative Auditor) be inserted into the draft copy as prepared by council. He further moved that the resolution be adopted as amended here. The motion was seconded by R. LaRusso and was unanimously approved.
- W. Laker asked for public input, however there were no guests who had appeared at the meeting.
- R. Rivard offered a motion to adjourn at 6:20pm, which was seconded by W. Laker. There was no opposition.

CERTIFICATE As Secretary of the Mid-City Security District, I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes duly and legally adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Mid-City Security District, after due notice, and that said minutes have not been rescinded. WITNESS, my signature, this 16th day of August, 2023.



Charley Richard, Secretary

Resolution of the Mid-City Security District

**Request for the City Council to Call an Election on November 18, 2023
Re-Authorizing the Mid-City Security District's Special Annual Fee**

To be Adopted at the District's July 19, 2023 Meeting

WHEREAS, The Mid-City Security District ("District") was created by the Louisiana Legislature by La. R.S. 33:9091.14 to promote and encourage security in the Mid-City neighborhood of New Orleans;

WHEREAS, on November 16, 2019, a majority of the voters of the District re-approved a special annual fee, referred to as the "Mid-City Security District Fee" on each improved parcel of land in the District to support the District's activities;

WHEREAS, the fee approved by the voters is currently an amount not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for each improved residential parcel in the District; and an amount not to exceed three hundred seventy-five dollars (\$375) for each improved commercial parcel in the District;

WHEREAS, the renewed fee was authorized for a period of five (5) years, and was set to expire on December 31, 2024;

WHEREAS, Act No. 162 of the 2023 Regular Legislative Session, signed by the Governor and made effective on June 7, 2023, amended the District's authorizing statute, La. R.S. 33:9091.14(F), to introduce a Mid-City Security District Fee structure for residential parcels that contain multiple family dwellings or rental units and increase fees for commercial parcels;

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 33:9091.14(F)(3)(c) requires that "[a]ny election to authorize the renewal of the fee shall be held at the same time as a regularly scheduled municipal, state, or federal election;"

WHEREAS, a regularly scheduled state election is scheduled to be held in the City of New Orleans on November 18, 2023;

WHEREAS, the District wishes to renew and increase the Mid-City Security District Fee in accordance with Act No. 162 of the 2023 Regular Legislative Session, and to approve the increased Mid-City Security District Fee for a period of eight years;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS

RESOLVED THAT, the District requests that the Council of the City of New Orleans pass a resolution calling for an election on November 18, 2023 to renew and increase the Mid-City Security District Fee in accordance with Act No. 162 of the 2023 Regular Legislative Session;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this measure be placed on the ballot in the precincts listed in Exhibit "A" to this resolution, which constitute the precincts in the District;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the fee for each residential parcel which is unimproved, or contains a single-family dwelling, condominium, townhouse, or two-family dwellings, shall be a flat fee not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) per year; the renewed fee for each residential parcel that contains three- or four-family dwellings shall be a flat fee not to exceed three hundred dollars (\$300) per year; the renewed fee for each residential parcel which contains five to nine rental units shall be a flat fee not to exceed six hundred dollars (\$600) per year; the renewed fee for each residential parcel which contains ten to nineteen rental units shall be a flat fee not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000) per year; the renewed fee for each residential parcel which contains twenty to thirty-nine rental units shall be a flat fee not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2000) per year; the renewed fee for each residential parcel which contains forty or more rental units shall be a flat fee not to exceed four thousand dollars (\$4000) per year; the renewed fee for residential parcels subject to a special assessment level pursuant to Article VII, Section 18(G) of the Constitution of Louisiana shall be a flat fee not to exceed one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) per year; the renewed fee for commercial parcels shall be a flat fee not to exceed five hundred (\$500) dollars per year; any parcel used for both commercial and residential purposes shall be considered commercial if it is comprised of fewer than four residential units and residential if it is comprised of four or more residential units; the revised fee structure shall be identical to the one approved by the legislature in Act 162 which is attached hereto

as Exhibit “B;” the proposed fee is estimated to generate approximately \$1,235,219 annually, to be used solely and exclusively to promote and encourage the security of the Mid-City Security District;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the increased and renewed fee shall be authorized for a period of eight years, and shall be in effect from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2031;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, if the voters of the District approve the increase and renewal of the Mid-City Security District Fee, that the Council of the City of New Orleans levy and collect such fees as provided in La. R.S. 33:9091.14(F).

Passed this 19th day of July, 2023.



Secretary, the Mid-City Security District