

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE CAL. NO. 35,426

CITY HALL: May 7, 2026

BY: COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS (BY REQUEST)

SECONDED BY:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

An amendment to provide relative to the intended use of Sale proceeds and to confirm that any use of Sale proceeds shall be authorized by ordinance.

AMENDMENT:

1. On page 2, at the end of the final unnumbered recital paragraph, delete the words “**NOW THEREFORE**” and insert the following in lieu thereof:

“and

WHEREAS, the City is currently in the midst of a fiscal crisis that has severely depleted its on-hand cash reserve, more commonly known as the Fund Balance; and

WHEREAS, a robust Fund Balance is vital to the City’s credit rating and bonding capacity, as well as to ensuring that the City can weather unforeseen financial exigencies like hurricanes and public-health emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the Sale is intended to provide the City with an infusion of capital that will help rebuild and restore the Fund Balance, immediately and dramatically improving the City’s long-term financial health without the need to incur debt or sacrifice vital services; and

WHEREAS, the Moreno Administration has publicly committed that it will use the entirety of Sale proceeds to augment the Fund Balance and not to cover regular and recurring ordinary expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Moreno Administration also has publicly committed to transparency in the use of the Fund Balance, to regular public reporting on the status of the Fund Balance through the Council’s Budget, Audit, and Board of Review Committee, and to complying strictly with the Charter’s requirements for budgeting, including the requirement that any use of the Fund Balance must be authorized by ordinance, ensuring Council approval and public scrutiny before any proceeds of the Sale may be used; **NOW, THEREFORE”**

THE FOREGOING AMENDMENT WAS READ IN FULL, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE ADOPTION THEREOF, AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

RECUSED:

AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

ENGROSSED VERSION:

The following engrossed version shows how the proposed amendment would modify Ordinance No. 35,426, as originally introduced. Additions are underlined. Deletions are shown as ~~strikethroughs~~.

ORDINANCE

CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

CITY HALL: April 23, 2026

CALENDAR NO. 35,426

NO. _____ MAYOR COUNCIL SERIES

**BY: COUNCILMEMBERS HARRIS, MORRELL, WILLARD, MCCARRON, KING,
GREEN AND HUGHES (BY REQUEST)**

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WHEREAS, in furtherance of the Sale, NOBC, the City, and the Purchaser will enter into other documents as may be necessary or appropriate (the “Transaction Documents”); ~~**NOW**~~ **THEREFORE and**

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SECTION 1. THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS HEREBY ORDAINS, That, in accordance with Article VI of the Home Rule Charter of the City of New Orleans and for the reasons set forth in the recitals, the Rental Income Strip is not needed for public purposes and may be sold by NOBC.

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