

LATOYA CANTRELL, MAYOR
CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

December 29, 2025

Ms. Lora W. Johnson
Clerk of Council
New Orleans City Council
1300 Perdido Street, Room 1E09
New Orleans, LA 70112

RE: DISAPPROVAL OF ORDINANCE CALENDAR NUMBERS 35,324

Madame Clerk,

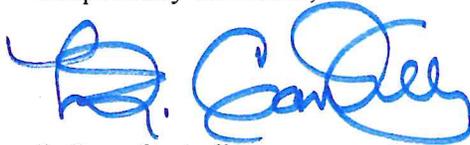
Pursuant to Section 3-113 of the New Orleans Home Rule Charter, I, LaToya Cantrell, Mayor of New Orleans, do hereby disapprove of and veto Ordinance Calendar Number 35,324 as passed by the New Orleans City Council.

As Mayor, I am responsible for ensuring the sound and reasonable management of the City's finances. The ordinance's temporary prohibition on spending is overbroad. Not only does the prohibition apply to "new sources of revenue", but the ordinance's language, by plain meaning, freezes all spending.

"That, beginning on the date this ordinance becomes effective and continuing until January 12, 2026, no city department nor division, including but not limited to the Department of Finance, Bureau of Revenue, or the Chief Administrative Office, shall spend any current funds held by the City. ..." (Emphasis added). This language essentially enacts a freeze on the City's finances. It goes further than the ordinance's title by prohibiting spending "any current funds held by the City". This prohibition would apply not only to ordinary transactions but also to spending in response to an emergency.

Accordingly, for the fiscal health of the City and the ongoing operations and potential emergency operations of our City, I hereby veto Ordinance Calendar No. 35,324.

Respectfully submitted,



LaToya Cantrell
Mayor, City of New Orleans

