

RESOLUTION

NO. R-26-107

CITY HALL: March 12, 2026

BY: COUNCILMEMBER HUGHES

SECONDED BY:

A RESOLUTION calling an election in the Lake Forest Estates Improvement District for June 27, 2026.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Legislature enacted La. R.S. 33:9072, creating the Lake Forest Estates Improvement District (“District”) and authorizing the City Council to levy and collect a special ad valorem tax not to exceed five mills or fees upon all taxable real property within the District, for a term not to exceed eight years, when authorized by the District and approved by the majority of the District’s registered voters; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the District met on January 15, 2026, and adopted a resolution requesting the City Council to levy an annual \$550 parcel fee, for seven years, commencing on January 1, 2027 and ending December 31, 2033, subject to the majority approval of the District’s registered voters at the June 27, 2026, election; **NOW, THEREFORE**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, That

SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission and under the authority conferred by La. R.S. 33:9072 and the Louisiana Election Code, an election is hereby called for Saturday, June 27, 2026 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. and at said election the electorate of the Lake Forest Estates Improvement District may approve or disapprove the levy of an annual fee on all taxable real property within the Lake Forest Estates Improvement District (“District”), comprised of the area of the City of New Orleans within and coterminous with the boundaries of the Lake Forest Estates Subdivision, in the amount of \$550, for seven years, beginning

January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2033, which is estimated to generate \$99,000 annually. Any fee levied upon a parcel in the District shall be in addition to any ad valorem tax affecting real property, or any charge (including, but not limited to, a sanitation charge), fee, license, permit or rate imposed or levied pursuant to the regulatory authority of the City of New Orleans in the operation of the city, its departments, agencies, boards and commissions, whether attached or unattached, including, but not limited to, the Sewerage and Water Board. The proceeds of any fee collected shall be used exclusively for the purpose of promoting and encouraging the beautification, security, and overall betterment of the District; however, the City of New Orleans may retain one percent of the amount collected as a collection fee. The affairs of the District are managed by the Lake Forest Association Board of Directors which shall adopt an annual budget in accordance with the Local Government Budget Act, La. R.S. 39:1301, et seq. The members of the Board serve without compensation.

The official ballot used in the voting machines for the election shall be as follows:

**LAKE FOREST ESTATES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
PROPOSITION**

Shall the City of New Orleans levy an annual fee on each parcel of taxable real property located within the Lake Forest Estates Improvement District (“District”), the boundaries of which are coterminous with those of the Lake Forest Estates Subdivision, in the amount of \$550, for seven years, beginning January 1, 2027 and ending December 31, 2033, which is estimated to generate \$99,000 annually, to be used exclusively for the purpose of promoting and encouraging the beautification, security, and overall betterment of the District, except for a 1% City collection fee, and provided that, if used to fund additional law enforcement or security personnel and services, such personnel and services shall be supplemental to and not in lieu of those provided by the New Orleans Police Department?

SECTION 2. District Boundaries. The boundaries of the District are coterminous with the boundaries of the Lake Forest Estates Subdivision.

SECTION 3. Publication of Notice of Election. Notice of this election shall be published in the City of New Orleans' official journal once a week for five consecutive weeks, with the first publication occurring between 45 and 90 days prior to the election date, as provided in Exhibit "A". Exhibit "A" is hereby incorporated as if the same were set forth in full.

SECTION 4. Canvass. The Council, acting under the powers granted to it by the City Charter and state statutes, shall meet, in open session, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 1300 Perdido Street, New Orleans, Louisiana on Thursday, August 6, 2026, beginning at 10:00 a.m. to examine and canvass the returns and declare the election result.

SECTION 5. Polling Places. The polling places set forth in the aforesaid notice of election are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the commissioners-in-charge and commissioners will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 6. Election Commissioners; Voting Machines. The officers designated to serve as commissioners-in-charge and commissioners pursuant to Section 5 hereof, or such substitutes therefor, as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the said election as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said election to the City Council. All registered voters in the District are entitled to vote at said election and voting machines shall be used thereat.

SECTION 7. Authorization of Officers. The Clerk of Criminal District Court is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election and the President and Clerk of the City Council and the City Attorney are authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by state and/or federal law to arrange for the election.

SECTION 8. Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials. Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and ex-officio parish

custodian of voting machines in and for the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, and the Registrar of Voters in and for said parish, as notification of the election herein called, in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 9. Application to State Bond Commission. Application is made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the aforesaid election as herein provided, and in the event said election results in approval of the proposition, for further consent and authority to levy and collect the special fee provided for therein, and a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of the City Council requesting prompt consideration and approval of the application.

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

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

AND THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

EXHIBIT “A”

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Pursuant to Resolution R-26-107, as adopted by the City Council of New Orleans on March 12, 2026, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that an election will be held in New Orleans on Saturday, June 27, 2026. The following proposition will be submitted to all registered voters (who are qualified and entitled to vote at this election in accordance with all state and federal laws) residing in the Lake Forest Estates Improvement District (“District”), which is comprised of the area of the City of New Orleans within the boundaries of the Lake Forest Estates Subdivision:

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This election shall be held at the polling place(s) provided below, which will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. in accordance with La. R.S. 18:541. Registered voters in each of the following precincts who are residents of the District shall be eligible to vote on said proposition:

POLLING PLACE(S)

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PRECINCT

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LOCATION

Household of Faith Church
9300 I-10 Service Rd

The estimated cost of this election, as determined by the Louisiana Secretary of State and based upon the provisions of Title 18, Chapter 8A of the Louisiana Revised Statutes and the actual costs of similar elections, is \$8,200.

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