

RESOLUTION

NO. R-25-546

CITY HALL: October 23, 2025

BY: COUNCILMEMBER GIARRUSSO

SECONDED BY:

A RESOLUTION calling an election in the Upper Hurstville Security District for Saturday, April 18, 2026.

WHEREAS, La. R.S. § 33:9091.6 establishes a political subdivision called the Upper Hurstville Security District (the “District”) to promote and encourage security within, and to promote the overall betterment of, the area in New Orleans bounded by Exposition Boulevard, Prytania Street, Nashville Avenue, and Magazine Street; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana § 33:9091.6(F) authorizes the City Council of New Orleans, when requested by a resolution of the District board of commissioners and when approved by a majority of the registered voters of the District who vote on the question at an election called in accordance with state law, to impose and collect an annual parcel fee of up to \$650 per parcel of land within the District, excluding any parcel whose owner qualifies for the special assessment level provided by Article VII, Section 18(G)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana, for a term of up to eight years; and

WHEREAS, La. R.S. § 33:9091.6(F) further authorizes the renewal of the foregoing parcel fee, upon approval by District voters, for additional successive periods of up to eight years; and

WHEREAS, The imposition of an annual fee within the District of up to \$650 per parcel of land is currently authorized for an eight-year period beginning January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2026, as a result of an election held on April 28, 2018 pursuant to City Council Resolution No. R-17-624,; and

WHEREAS; the board of commissioners of the District convened on October 7, 2025, and adopted a resolution requesting the City Council of New Orleans to call an election at which voters residing within the District will be asked to authorize the renewal of the expiring parcel fee, in an amount not to exceed \$650 per eligible parcel of land within the District, for an eight-year period commencing on January 1, 2027 and ending December 31, 2034; **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. § 33:9091.6, the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, an election is hereby called for Saturday, April 18, 2026 between seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m. At said election, the electorate of the Upper Hurstville Security District ("District") may approve or disapprove the renewal of an annual fee on each eligible parcel of land within the District, located in the area bounded by Exposition Boulevard, Prytania Street, Nashville Avenue, and Magazine Street as provided by La. R.S. § 33:9091.6(B), in an amount not to exceed six hundred fifty dollars (\$650) per lot, with the precise fee as provided by duly adopted board resolution, for eight (8) years, beginning January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2034, which is estimated to generate approximately \$222,750 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 & Water Board. The proceeds of any fee collected shall be used solely and exclusively for the purpose of promoting security in the District; however, the City of New Orleans may retain one percent of the amount collected as a collection fee. Use of the proceeds of the fee shall be in accordance with the requirements of La. R.S. § 33:9091.6 and all other applicable provisions of law.

The official ballot to be used for said election shall be printed and worded in the voting machines as follows:

“UPPER HURSTVILLE SECURITY DISTRICT PROPOSITION

Shall the City of New Orleans be authorized to renew the imposition and collection of an annual fee of up to \$650 on each parcel of land (excluding any parcel whose owner qualifies for the special assessment level provided by Article VII, Section 18(G)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana) located within the Upper Hurstville Security District (“District”), delineated by La. R.S. 33:9091.6(B) as the area bounded by Exposition Boulevard, Prytania Street, Nashville Avenue, and Magazine Street, for eight (8) years, beginning January 1, 2027 and ending December 31, 2034, which fee (estimated to be \$222,750 in the first year of collection) shall be set by the resolution of the District board of commissioners and used exclusively, subject to a 1% City collection fee, to promote and encourage security within the District and to promote the overall betterment of the District?”

SECTION 2. District Boundaries. The fee authorized herein shall be imposed and collected on all eligible parcels of land comprising that area of the City of New Orleans within the following boundaries: Exposition Boulevard to Prytania Street to Nashville Avenue to Magazine Street and back to Exposition Boulevard.

SECTION 3. Publication of Notice of Election. Notice of said election shall be published in the official journal of the City of New Orleans once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks, with the first publication being not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date fixed for the election, which notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein by reference as if the same were set forth herein in full.

SECTION 4. Canvass. The Council, acting under the powers granted to it by the City Charter and state statutes, shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Council Chamber, City Hall, 1300 Perdido Street, New Orleans, Louisiana on Thursday, May 21, 2026, beginning at ten o’clock (10:00) a.m. and

shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of said election.

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/or 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 the provisions of Resolution R-25-546, adopted by the City Council of New Orleans on October 23, 2026, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that an election will be held in New Orleans on Saturday, April 18, 2026 and at the election there will be submitted to all registered voters (who are qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution and Laws of the United States) residing in the Upper Hurstville District (“District”), which is comprised of the area of the City of New Orleans located within the following boundaries: Exposition Boulevard to Prytania Street to Nashville Avenue to Magazine Street and back to Exposition Boulevard, to wit:

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Said election shall be held at the polling places located within the precincts delineated hereinbelow. The polls in such precincts will open at seven o’clock in the morning (7:00 a.m.) and close at eight o’clock in the evening (8:00 p.m.), in accordance with the provisions of 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 PLACES

<u>WARD</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
14	5 (partial), 6 (partial), 8	Benjamin Franklin Elementary School 1116 Jefferson Avenue

The estimated cost of this election, as determined by the Louisiana Secretary of State, based upon the provisions of Title 18, Chapter 8A of the Louisiana Revised Statutes and the actual costs of similar elections is \$900.

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