

RESOLUTION

NO. R-25-502

CITY HALL: September 25, 2025

**BY: COUNCILMEMBERS MORENO, GIARRUSSO, MORRELL, HARRIS, KING,
GREEN AND THOMAS**

A **RESOLUTION** to request the Louisiana Legislative Auditor to conduct a detailed audit and review of the budget of the City of New Orleans to determine the existence and extent of any budget deficit.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor is empowered by the State of Louisiana to foster accountability and transparency in Louisiana government by providing the state legislature and others with audit services, fiscal advice, and other useful information; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Constitution and state laws, primarily through the Audit Law (R.S. 24:511 et seq.), grant the Legislative Auditor the responsibility to audit fiscal records of the state, its agencies, and political subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Orleans, as a political subdivision of the state of Louisiana, is subject to fiscal accountability and transparency to ensure the sound use of public funds; and

WHEREAS, concerns have been raised regarding the financial condition of the City of New Orleans, specifically whether a budget deficit exists and the extent thereof; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of New Orleans and the state of Louisiana that a clear understanding be established of the City of New Orleans' fiscal condition in order to ensure accountability, transparency, and the protection of taxpayer resources; **NOW THEREFORE**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, That the New Orleans City Council formally requests the Louisiana Legislative Auditor perform a

detailed audit and review of the budget of the City of New Orleans for the most recent fiscal year, and, if necessary, prior years, to determine whether the city is operating under a budget deficit, and the extent of such deficit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, That the Chief Administrative Office and the Department of Finance for the City of New Orleans are requested and directed to work with the Louisiana Legislative Auditor, as needed, in furtherance of this request.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, That the Legislative Auditor is requested to prepare and submit a written report of findings together with any recommendations for corrective action or further legislative consideration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, That the New Orleans City Council is appreciative of the cooperation of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor in conducting this analysis and urges that it be executed as expeditiously as possible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of Council transmit certified copies of this resolution to Louisiana Legislative Auditor Michael J. Waguespack, Chief Administrative Officer Joseph Threat, and Director of Finance Romy Samuel.

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.