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SPRING LAKE SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (SLSID)

A Special Taxation District

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ARTICLE I - PURPOSE

The Spring Lake Subdivision Improvement District, hereinafter referred to as the "District," is a special taxing District in the parish of Orleans. The District was created in 1998 (Act 143, Section 2 of the First Extraordinary Session of the Louisiana Legislature) and re-enacted in 2003 LA. R.S. 33:9074. The primary objective and purpose of the District is to promote and encourage the beautification, security, and overall betterment of the Spring Lake Subdivision.

The District is responsible for collecting and receiving special taxation fees as outlined in LA. R.S. 33:9074. The District shall have the authority to designate its authority to administer all funds collected and received on behalf of the District to the Spring Lake Neighborhood Association.

ARTICLE II – BOUNDARIES

The District shall be comprised of the area of Orleans Parish located between Morrison Road on the North, the Lawrence drainage canal on the East, the I-10 service road on the South and the St. Charles Drainage Canal on the West comprising all of the Spring Lake Subdivision, as set forth in LA. R.S. 33:9074(B).

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

In order for the orderly development and effectuation of the services to be furnished by the District and to provide for the representation in the affairs of the District of those persons and interests immediately concerned with and affected by the purposes and development of the area, the affairs of the District shall be managed by a nine-member Board of Commissioners. The commissioners shall be both residents and real property owners in the District. Moreover, the commissioners shall serve without payment or receipt of any compensation. The commissioners shall be appointed as follows:

1. The Board of Directors of the Spring Lake Neighborhood Association, Inc. shall appoint five members, which pursuant to Article V(1) the By-Laws of the Spring Lake Neighborhood Association, shall be the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Chief of Security and Secretary of the Spring Lake Neighborhood Association.
2. The mayor of New Orleans shall appoint one member.
3. The member or members of the New Orleans City Council, who represent the area which comprises the District, shall appoint one member.
4. The member or members of the Louisiana House of Representatives, who

represent the area which comprises the District, shall appoint one member.

5. The member or members of the Louisiana Senate, who represent the area which comprises the District, shall appoint one member.

Duties of Commissioners: Commissioners shall attend all meetings of the District and shall be able to cast one vote on each question. Commissioners shall serve the District to meet the primary objective and purpose of the District, which is to promote and encourage the beautification, security, and overall betterment of Spring Lake Subdivision.

The duties of each officer are consistent with the duties of the officers of the Spring Lake Neighborhood Association, in that each of Spring Lake Neighborhood Association's five elected officers serve as commissioners. (See Spring Lake Neighborhood Association Bylaws, Approved May 21, 2019 or the most recent subsequent revisions).

Term Limits: The terms of the Commissioners appointed by the Mayor, as well as by members of the City Council, Louisiana House of Representatives and Louisiana Senate, shall coincide with the term of the respective appointing official. However, a previously appointed Commissioner shall serve until a new appointment is made by the appropriate official. The terms of all other Commissioners shall coincide with their service as executive board members on the Spring Lake Neighborhood Association.

No Commissioner shall participate in any decisions regarding any activities which would result in monetary gain for that individual. Moreover, the Board of Commissioners certifies and shall insure that no Commissioner has an interest, direct, or indirect, which would conflict with the activities of the Association.

In the event a Commissioner commits a criminal act that is detrimental to the operation of the District or conducts behaviors that are detrimental to the operation of the District, the Board has the authority to remove the Commissioner from the Board by majority vote. Moreover, the Board has the authority to remove a member from the Board who has missed two successive meetings.

ARTICLE IV –VOTING RIGHTS, MEETINGS & QUORUM

A. Voting Rights

Any commissioner of the District shall be able to cast one vote.

B. Meetings

Commissioners shall meet at least once in each calendar year in a place designated by the president of the District, or as often as may be necessary. The Commissioners shall meet annually to review and prepare the annual budget to be submitted to the City of New Orleans. Written notice will be given for all meetings. This notice may be electronic, via newsletter, and/or a posting in the Spring Lake Subdivision neighborhood. Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with public meeting laws.

Only Commissioners may make motions and vote at meetings. It is the responsibility of all Commissioners to attend all meetings.

C. Quorum

A fully constituted Board of Commissioners is nine (9). A quorum is 50% plus 1 of the fully constituted the Board of Commissioners or six (6) commissioners.

*In the event that the fully constituted Board of Commissioners is less than nine members, a quorum shall be 50% plus one of the sitting Board of Commissioners.

ARTICLE V – MANAGEMENT OF THE DISTRICT

A. Budget

The management of the District shall be conducted by a nine-member Board of Commissioners who shall annually prepare and submit to the New Orleans City Council a budget/plan for the collection of fees (\$200.00 per parcel of land per year) as designated by the legislative act creating the special taxation District. The Board of Commissioners shall adopt an annual budget in accordance with the Local Government Budget Act, R.S. 39:1301 et seq. The budget and all amendments shall be subject to the approval of the New Orleans City Council. The Board of Commissioners shall have the authority to designate its authority to administer all funds collected and received on behalf of the District to the Spring Lake Neighborhood Association, which shall keep a record of all approved expenditures. All monies collected by the District must be used for the benefit of the District.

The District shall provide the Board of Liquidation, City Debt, the approved annual budget against which a quarterly advance disbursement will be provided based on projected expenditures. All such disbursements to the District and subsequent expenditures by the District shall be reconciled quarterly. The proceeds shall be paid out by the Board of Liquidation, City Debt, upon warrants or drafts drawn on the Board of Liquidation, City Debt, by the appropriate officials of the City and the treasurer of the District and shall be used by the District solely for the purposes of beautification, security, and overall betterment of Spring Lake Subdivision.

B. Taxation

No tax or fee shall be levied until the maximum amount of the tax has been approved by a majority of the registered voters of the District voting on the question at a regularly scheduled primary or general election conducted in accordance with the Louisiana Election Code. The Spring Lake Subdivision Improvement District general body shall vote by ballot every 8 years for renewal.

C. Real Property

The District shall have the power to acquire, to lease, to insure, and to sell real property located within the geographical boundaries of the District in accordance with the plan of the District and the requirements therefor as set forth by La. Rev. Stat. 33:9074 (G).

D. Security

The District may enter into a contract with the New Orleans Police Department, the Orleans Parish Levee Board Police or within a private security company which has been certified by the superintendent of the New Orleans Police Department for the provision of security patrols in the District.

E. Audit

The District shall be subject to audit by the legislative auditor pursuant to La R.S. 24:513. The annual sworn financial statements are required by La. R.S. 24:514 to be filed with the Legislative Auditor within 90 days after the close of the fiscal year. The certification of revenues of \$75,000 or less, if applicable, is required by La. R.S. 24:513(J)(1)(c)(i)(aa).

ARTICLE VI - COMMITTEES

The president, with the approval of the Board of Commissioners, shall be able to establish committees consistent with the purpose of the District. Chairs of said committees may/shall be appointed by the President or may/shall elect their own chairs' with the consent of the Board of Commissioners. All committees shall report their activities to the Board of Commissioners.

ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS

Any amendments to these by-laws must be submitted in writing to the Board of Commissioners. Once approved by the Board of Commissioners, it must then be offered and read at a regular meeting of the District, and voted upon at the next succeeding meeting, regular or special, which shall be held not sooner than five days after the meeting at which the amendment is proposed. Any proposed amendment can be affected by a two-thirds majority affirmative vote of the members present and voting at the meeting.

ARTICLE VIII – CONTINUATION

The District shall continue to function as long as the residents and general body of the District vote for renewal of the collection of fees and/or funds collected by the District remain for District expenditures and obligations, unless dissolved sooner in accordance with law.

ARTICLE IV – POLITICAL STATUS

This District shall be non-political. Candidates for public office will not be endorsed.