



# *Louisiana Restaurant Association*

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From: Louisiana Restaurant Association – Greater New Orleans Chapter  
To: New Orleans City Council  
Date: May 20, 2011

Regarding: Condition of Sidewalks in the French Quarter

Honorable Councilwomen and Councilmen:

The Greater New Orleans Chapter of the Louisiana Restaurant Association (LRA) states its support of a recent position taken by the French Quarter Business Association (FQBA) with respect to the condition of business and residential sidewalks in the French Quarter.

In that letter, the FQBA implores the Council to utilize the ordinances at its disposal to enforce and monitor compliance. Specifically sighted by the FQBA is Code of Ordinances of the City of New Orleans: Section 146-190 – Property Owners billed for cost of certain sidewalks, Section 146-191 – Procedure if bill not paid, Section 146-191 – Recording bill in mortgage office.

The LRA-Greater New Orleans Chapter respectfully urges the City Council to take this request under advisement and assist with the necessary means in the enforcement of the code.

New Orleans is a globally marketed destination with the French Quarter being a focal point of the marketing efforts. Additionally, food and the restaurants of this great city are a main attraction for tourists and locals alike. The restaurant industry is a major part of the backbone of New Orleans' economic engine. It is for this reason that this association is compelled to lend its support to the FQBA and further solicit the support of the honorable body of the City Council to empower the appropriate city offices to aid our cause in addressing this issue in an expedient manner.

We thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this most urgent matter and for your diligent service to our great city and our community.

Sincerely,

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