



Media Advisory

March 4, 2009

**New Orleans City Council Meets in Regular Session  
Thursday, March 5th at 10 a.m.  
Agenda Highlights Listed Below**

**What:** Among the items to be addressed at tomorrow's New Orleans City Council Meeting:

- Report from FEMA informing the Council of their options regarding the Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (DFIRM) which set flood levels throughout the City and therefore affect insurance rates
- Presentation from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Louisiana Chapter, on the challenges Multiple Sclerosis constituents face
- Ordinance relative to the prohibition on out of parish use of city owned or leased vehicles and to provide clarification that the administration has the ability to set policy as needed relative to take-home vehicles

To view the Meeting Agenda click [here](#).

**When:** Thursday, March 5, 2009  
10:00 a.m.

**Where:** City Council Chamber

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### **New Orleans City Council**

The New Orleans City Council is the legislative branch of New Orleans city government. The Council considers and enacts all local laws that govern the City of New Orleans. The Council also approves the operating and capital budgets for the City, as recommended by the mayor, and continually monitors revenues and expenditures for local government operations. The City Council is also the regulatory body for public utilities. It also reviews and has final say on many land use and zoning matters, as well as considers major economic development projects for the City. As a Board of Review for Orleans Parish, the Council examines appeals of property tax assessments for real estate taxes, and certifies tax rolls to the Louisiana Tax Commission. Other responsibilities of the Council include overseeing the operation of the public access television in Orleans Parish.

The City Council is comprised of five districts and two councilmembers-at-large. Council President and Councilmember-at-Large Jacquelyn Brechtel Clarkson; Council Vice-President and Councilmember-at-Large Arnie Fielkow; District "A" Councilmember Shelley Midura; District "B" Councilmember Stacy S. Head; District "C" Councilmember James Carter; District "D" Councilmember Cynthia Hedge-Morrell; and District "E" Councilmember Cynthia Willard-Lewis.