



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the expenditure of \$303,925.00 from the Housing Preservation Fund to the Department of Development, Housing Division for targeted distribution through the Driving Park Home Repair Program (aka the James Johnson Home Repair Program). The funds will be used to provide financial assistance to eligible homeowners for necessary and prioritized home improvements within a targeted area of the Driving Park, Old Oaks and Hanford Village Neighborhoods.

The Driving Park Home Repair Program represents City Council's commitment to serving the housing needs of the Driving Park Neighborhood. Eligible participants are those homeowners who reside within the program service boundaries described in Exhibit A as determined by the Department of Development.

Emergency action is necessary to allow the Housing Division to make the Driving Park Home Repair Program available to residents without delay.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$303,925.00 will be expended from the Housing Preservation Fund/Driving Park Area Home Renovation - 2017 Capital Improvements Budget.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to make financial assistance available through the Driving Park Home Repair Program administered by the Housing Division; to authorize the expenditure of \$303,925.00 from the Housing Preservation Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$303,925.00)

WHEREAS, this legislation authorizes up to \$303,925.00 from the Housing Preservation Fund to the Department of Development, Housing Division for targeted distribution through the Driving Park Home Repair Program; and

WHEREAS, the funds will be used to provide financial assistance to eligible homeowners for necessary and prioritized home improvements within a targeted area of the Driving Park, Old Oaks and Hanford Village Neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the Driving Park Home Repair Program represents City Council's commitment to serving the housing needs of the Driving Park Neighborhood. Eligible participants are those homeowners who reside within the program service boundaries as described in the attachment to this ordinance; and

WHEREAS, emergency action is necessary to avoid interruptions in the delivery of vital program services; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development, Housing Division, in that it is immediately necessary to expend the aforementioned funds, thereby preserving the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; and **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

Section 1. That the Director of the Department of Development is hereby authorized to make financial assistance available through the Driving Park Home Repair Program administered by the Housing Division. For the purposes of this section, eligible homeowners are those who live in a targeted area within the Driving Park, Old Oaks and Hanford Village Neighborhoods as identified in the map that is an attachment to this ordinance.

Section 2. That for the purpose as stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$303,925.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized from the Department of Development, Housing Preservation Fund, Fund 7782, Object Class 06, Capital Outlay per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

Section 3. That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated, and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

Section 4. That the monies authorized in the foregoing Section 2 shall be paid upon the order of the Director of the Department of Development and that no order shall be drawn or money paid except by voucher, the form of which shall be approved by the City Auditor.

Section 5. That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this ordinance.

Section 6. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer the unencumbered balance in a project account to the unallocated balance account within the same fund upon receipt of certification by the Director of the Department administering said project that the project has been completed and the monies are no longer required for said project.

Section 7. That in the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part thereof, this Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.