



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: The Community Development Service Area Designation, based on 2010 Census data, describes criteria to identify the geographic area of the City eligible for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)-funded activities to improve blighted, deteriorated, or deteriorating conditions. It represents an identifiable residential community and its associated commercial areas.

This ordinance adopts the Community Development Service Area Designation through 2024. The Community Development Service Area incorporates the planning and application aspects of the CDBG program and represents a continued commitment to providing decent housing and suitable living environments and expanding economic opportunities.

Currently, the City's CDBG-funded programs using the Community Development Service Area Designation include Neighborhood Commercial Development, Neighborhood Support Fund, and the Land Reutilization Program.

Historically, a Census-based study and analysis of the City has been completed every ten years to determine blighted areas. The Community Development Service Area map is submitted as an attachment to this legislation.

This ordinance is submitted as an emergency to ensure timely submission to HUD.

FISCAL IMPACT: None directly, although designation is associated with CDBG program.

To adopt the Community Development Block Grant Community Development Service Area Designation through 2024 until 2020 Census data are made available to replace outdated 2010 Census data on which it is based; and to declare an emergency.

WHEREAS, under the provisions as set forth in the various federal statutes, the City is required to submit the Community Development Service Area Designation which describes criteria used to identify the area of the City of Columbus eligible for Community Development Block Grant funds for activities intended to improve blighted, deteriorated, or deteriorating conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Service Area Designation is attached; and

WHEREAS, the current Community Development Service Area Designation shall apply through 2024 until 2020 Census data are made available to replace outdated 2010 Census data on which it is based; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the city in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the extension of the aforesaid designation to ensure timely submission to HUD, thereby preserving the public peace, health, safety, and welfare; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

SECTION 1. That the City of Columbus hereby adopts the 2014-2024 Community Development Service Area Designation as the City's determination of a blighted area eligible for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)-funded programs and activities.

SECTION 2. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, 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.