

## REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY AMENDMENT

RE: Emergency amendment request – File No. 0489-2008-Ordinance-Z07-056  
Rezoning of 6600 Donn Eisele Street (43217) (the “Property”)

Purpose: Reason for requesting amendment  
File No. 0489-2008  
File Type Ordinance  
File Name: Rezoning # Z07-056, 6600 Donn Eisele Street (43217)

On March 13, 2008, the Development Commission held a meeting whereby the above referenced zoning was approved by a vote of 4-0. Such matter involves the request of Glenn Wright Development Company, LLC and the City Columbus for rezoning of the Property from R-Rural to limited manufacturing. The basis for such rezoning was that the Property was zoned for and acting as a manufacturing unit prior to being incorporated from Hamilton Township into the City of Columbus. As a standard procedure, the zoning was changed to R-Rural upon incorporation into the City of Columbus. As a result, it is necessary to be rezoned so that the zoning comport with the actual long-standing use of the Property.

The current owner of the Property is in contract to sell the Property to Abercrombie & Fitch who, upon completion of the purchase, will be bringing 65 new jobs into the City of Columbus. However, Abercrombie & Fitch will not complete the purchase, take possession, initiate work, or bring the jobs into the City of Columbus until such time as the rezoning ordinance becomes law **and** the referendum period passes.

Consequently, time is of the essence in order to effectuate the closing and allow Abercrombie & Fitch to commence operations to the benefit of itself, the City of Columbus, and those individuals who will be newly employed by the endeavor.

As time is of the essence, an emergency amendment is necessary so as to expedite the completion of the rezoning process to allow for the foregoing.