



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** The Director of the Department of Development is requesting authorization to enter into an Enterprise Zone Agreement on behalf of the City with Trident Broad Development, LLC (and also the “Enterprise”). The Ohio Enterprise Zone law Section 5709.62(C) of the Ohio Revised Code authorizes the City to enter into Council-approved tax abatement agreements between the City and qualifying companies.

Trident Broad Development, LLC is owned by Trident Capital Group, which is a privately held real estate company focused on the acquisition and development of industrial properties and select secondary markets throughout the US. Since 2008, Trident Capital Group has acquired more than 14 million square feet of real estate representing over \$1.2 billion within the industrial space. A real estate investment firm, Trident Capital Group is based out of Boston, Massachusetts and its managing principles are David Pizzotti and Peter Walter.

Trident Broad Development, LLC is proposing to invest a total project cost of approximately \$24,367,866.00, which includes \$2,469,053.00 in acquisition cost and \$21,898,813.00 in real property improvements to construct an approximately 198,098 square-foot Class A proactive industrial facility (“Facility”) at 260 Taylor Station Road, Columbus, Ohio 43213, on parcel number 560-269045-00 (the “**Project Site**”). The Enterprise anticipates that the project will create or cause to be created twenty-five (25) net, new full-time permanent positions with an estimated new annual payroll of approximately \$1,081,600.00 at the **Project Site** (“New Employees”).

The Director of the Department of Development is recommending that Council approve a 75%/10-year Enterprise Zone tax abatement on real property improvements made by the Enterprise at the **Project Site**, in consideration of it creating, or causing to be created, the New Employees.

The Gahanna-Jefferson City School District and Eastland-Fairfield Joint Vocational School District have been advised of this project as required by law.

This legislation is presented as 30-day legislation.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

No funding is required for this legislation.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into an Enterprise Zone Agreement with Trident Broad Development, LLC (the “Enterprise”) for a tax abatement of seventy-five percent (75%) for a period of ten (10) consecutive years in consideration of the Enterprise investing approximately \$21,890,000.00 in real property improvements (“Improvements”), and the creation of twenty-five (25) net new full-time permanent positions with an estimated annual payroll of approximately \$1,081,600.00.

**WHEREAS**, the Columbus City Council authorized the designation of the City of Columbus Enterprise Zone by legislation, Ordinance Number 779-85, dated April 22, 1985; and subsequently amended the Zone by Ordinance Nos. 2722-85 in 1986; 2080-89 in 1989; 1949-92, 2690-92 and 2249-92 in 1992; 1079-94 and 1228-94 in 1994; 2196-95 and

2817-95 in 1995; 0533-99 in 1999; 1785-00 in 2000; 1464-02 in 2002; 0225-03 in 2003; 0032-2012 in 2012; 1442-2020 in 2020, 0279-2021 in 2021; and 0736-2022 in 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of the Development Department of the State of Ohio (“ODOD”) determined that the Columbus Enterprise Zone (the “Zone”), as amended by the aforementioned Ordinances, continues to contain the characteristics set forth in Section 5709.61(A) of the Ohio Revised Code. The Director of ODOD has recertified this Zone in 1986, December 20, 1989, September 28, 1992, October 22, 1992, December 17, 1992, May 31, 1994, June 24, 1994, June 16, 1995, October 5, 1995, December 19, 1995, April 1, 1999, September 25, 2000, January 27, 2003, August 19, 2003, April 3, 2012, September 18, 2020, May 20, 2021, and most recently on May 17, 2022 as an “urban jobs and enterprise zone” under Chapter 5709 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

**WHEREAS**, Trident Broad Development, LLC (the “Enterprise”) is owned by Trident Capital Group, which is a privately held real estate company focused on the acquisition and development of industrial properties and select secondary markets throughout the US. Since 2008, Trident Capital Group has acquired more than 14 million square feet of real estate representing over \$1.2 billion within the industrial space. As a real estate investment firm, Trident Capital Group is based out of Boston, Massachusetts and its managing principles are David Pizzotti and Peter Walter; and

**WHEREAS**, the Enterprise has submitted a proposal (“Proposal”) to invest approximately \$21.89 million in Improvements to construct an approximately 198,098 square-foot Class A proactive industrial facility (the “Facility”) at 260 Taylor Station Road, Columbus, Ohio 43213, on parcel number 520-269045 (the “**Project Site**”). The Enterprise anticipates that the Project will create 25 net, new full-time permanent positions at the Facility with an estimated annual payroll of approximately \$1,081,600.00 (“New Employees”); and

**WHEREAS**, after reviewing and investigating the Proposal submitted by the Enterprise, the Director of the Department of Development believes that the Enterprise has demonstrated that it is qualified by financial responsibility and business experience to create and preserve employment opportunities in the Columbus Enterprise Zone and improve the City’s economic climate; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of the Department of Development is recommending that City Council approve a 10-year, 75% tax abatement on the assessed valuation of the **Project Site** due to construction of the \$21.89 million Facility, to incentivize the Enterprise to construct the Class A industrial facility in the City’s eastern corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Development Director has notified the Gahanna-Jefferson City School District and Eastland-Fairfield Joint Vocational School District of the Project as required by law; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to enter into an agreement with the Enterprise in order to incentivize economic growth and create employment opportunities for its citizens, and for the preservation of public health, peace, property, and safety; and **NOW THEREFORE**,

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

**SECTION 1.** That Columbus City Council, having reviewed the proposal, finds that the Enterprise is qualified by financial responsibility and business experience to create and preserve employment opportunities in the City of Columbus Enterprise Zone and improve the City’s economic climate pursuant to Revised Code Section 5709.62(C).

**SECTION 2.** That City Council finds and determines (1) that the Enterprise will create, or cause to be created, the New Employee positions in the State and City; (2) that the Project is economically sound and will benefit the people of the State and City by increasing opportunities for employment and strengthening the economy of the State and City; and (3) that receiving the aforementioned tax abatement is a critical factor in the decision by representatives for Trident Broad Development, LLC, the Enterprise hereunder, to go forward with constructing the Project.

**SECTION 3.** Based on this determination, City Council approves and authorizes a 10-year, 75% abatement on the increase in assessed valuation of real property on the **Project Site**, contingent upon the Enterprise investing approximately \$21,898,813.00 in real property improvements by constructing an approximately 198,098 square-foot Class A proactive industrial facility at 260 Taylor Station Road, Columbus, Ohio 43213, on parcel number 520-269045, and the creation of twenty-five (25) net, new full-time permanent positions at the **Project Site** with an estimated annual payroll of approximately \$1,081,600.00.

**SECTION 4.** The Director of the Department of Development, for and in the name of the City, is authorized to enter into an Enterprise Zone Agreement with the Enterprise in a form substantially similar to the one attached hereto as Exhibit “A” with such changes, amendments or edits thereto, that are not inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance, or adverse to the City. Such authorized amendment includes assignment of the Agreement from the Enterprise to a Related Member as defined in R.C. Section 5709.61(W), or to a Successor Enterprise as defined by R.C. Section 5709.61(Y). The Director of the Department of Development also is authorized to execute any other agreements or sign any documents necessary to effectuate the Agreement and the Exemption provided therein, and approved as to Form by the City Attorney, if required.

**SECTION 5.** That the City and the Enterprise must execute the attached Enterprise Zone Agreement within ninety (90) days of this Ordinance’s passage, or this Ordinance, and the authorization to enter into the tax abatement agreement, is null and void.

**SECTION 6.** That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.