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Legislation Text

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In December 2021, the Columbus District Map was adopted by Columbus City Council. Section 7-3 of the Columbus City Charter requires that if territory is annexed into the city after the adoption of the districting plan, council shall by ordinance, which shall be an emergency measure, amend the districting plan to attach the territory to the contiguous council district sharing the largest boundary with the territory. If territory is detached from the city after adoption of the districting plan, council shall by ordinance, which shall be an emergency measure, amend the districting plan to detach the territory from the council district within which it previously resided. This ordinance amends the Columbus District Map to reflect any annexations that have taken place from 2021 through July 2023.

Passage of this ordinance is contingent upon the passage of all ordinances outlined in Section 2.

EMERGENCY ACTION: Emergency action is requested in order to comply with Sec. 7-3 of the Columbus City Charter requiring that the ordinance amending a districting plan be an emergency measure as it is immediately necessary to authorize the adoption of this amended map to ensure that all residents that have been annexed into the City of Columbus are properly accounted for in time for the next general municipal election thereby preserving the public peace, property, health, or safety.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

To amend the Columbus District Map to reflect any annexations to the city from 2021 through July 2023; to enact Chapter 104 of the Columbus City Codes, Administrative Code to memorialize the Columbus District Map within the Columbus City Codes; and to declare an emergency.

WHEREAS, Columbus voters overwhelmingly voted in support of Issue 3 in May 2018, to add two additional seats to City Council and create residential districts in the City of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, a five-member independent, citizen-led commission was seated prior to March 1, 2021 and charged with creating three Council residential districting plans in accordance with the Columbus City Charter (the "Charter"); and

WHEREAS, the Charter mandated that the Commission follow specific requirements when creating the district map; and

WHEREAS, the Charter mandated specific requirements for preserving the map; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in that the Charter requires that adoption of an amended map be passed as an emergency measure as it is immediately necessary to authorize the adoption of this amended map to ensure that all residents that have been annexed into the City of Columbus are properly accounted for in time for the next general, municipal election thereby preserving the public peace, property, health, or safety; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

SECTION 1. That the City Council hereby recognizes its obligation under Section 7-3 of the Columbus City Charter to amend the Columbus District Map to include any annexations to the city.

SECTION 2. That the City Council finds the following ordinances to have accepted petitions to annex parcels into the City of Columbus since the effective date of the Columbus District Map:

- 2402-2021
- 2403-2021
- 2598-2021
- 0076-2022
- 0077-2022
- 0926-2022
- 1153-2022
- 1603-2022
- 1830-2022
- 1602-2022
- 2667-2022
- 1831-2022
- 1834-2022
- 2934-2022
- 0036-2023
- 0266-2023
- 0265-2023
- 0262-2023
- 0800-2023
- 0803-2023
- 1483-2023
- 1485-2023
- 1674-2023
- 1675-2023
- 1818-2023
- 1822-2023
- 1824-2023
- 1961-2023
- 1963-2023
- 1964-2023
- 1966-2023

- 2171-2023
- 2173-2023

SECTION 3. That the Council hereby amends the Columbus District Map, pursuant to the requirements of Sec 7-3 of the Charter, by assigning the parcels associated with the ordinances listed in Section 2 to districts as indicated in the attached **Exhibit A**.

SECTION 4. That new Chapter 104 of the Columbus City Codes, Administrative Code is hereby enacted to read as follows:

Chapter 104 - COUNCIL DISTRICTS

Section 104.01 - Division of City into Council Districts

(A) City Council has adopted the Official Columbus District Map in digital form and deems the digital district map to be the Official Columbus District Map. This map contains the Council districts and all overlay boundaries as described in this Code and conforms to provisions of the Columbus City Charter and all ordinances and laws related to the Columbus District Map that are now in effect and which in the future may be in effect.

(B) The repository for the Official Columbus District Map, in any form including digital, is the Department of Technology. Responsibility for maintenance of the Official Columbus District Map is established in the Department of Technology.

(C) City Council shall have the authority to determine what district annexed land should be added to. Council shall also have the authority to make determinations as to district boundaries when a conflict exists in determining exact district boundaries as indicated on the Official Columbus District Map.

SECTION 5. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby 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.