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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: In 1999 the Short North Special Improvement District of Columbus, Inc. (SID) was created by the property owners in a defined area of High Street in the Short North. The SID was created for a 12 year period and was very successful. The initial twelve-year SID period concluded in December, 2011 and was reauthorized for a 5 year term which will conclude in July of this year 2016. The property owners wish to reauthorize the SID for another 5 year term. The property owners have initiated a one petition process in which at least 60% of the property owners within the District signed that they approve of the reauthorization of the SID and they approve of the plan for improvements and services to be provided by the SID. This legislation is one of the first actions required by Chapter 1710 of the Ohio Revised Code.

This Council is being asked to approve the Petition to reauthorize and the Articles of Incorporation of the Short North Special Improvement District, Inc., an Ohio not-for-profit corporation organized pursuant to Chapter 1710 of the Revised Code.

The Petition, Articles of Incorporation and Plan of Services are on file with the Clerk of the Columbus City Council.

This Council is being asked to also approve the inclusion of City owned property as part of the Special Improvement District.

Emergency action is required to allow the Short North Special Improvement District, Inc to continue the establishment of a Special Improvement District in a timely manner.

FISCAL IMPACT: No funding is required for this legislation.

To approve the Short North Special Improvement District, Inc. Petition and Articles of Incorporation and the inclusion of the properties owned by the City of Columbus in said district; and to declare an emergency.

WHEREAS, Chapter 1710 of the Revised Code, effective September 29, 1994 provides for the creation of Special Improvement Districts (SIDS), by non-profit corporations governed by trustees elected by the property owners for the provision of special services in a designated district; and

WHEREAS, the property owners located in the Short North area have initiated a petition to reauthorize the Short North Special Improvement District, and have filed the petition with the Clerk of Columbus City Council along with the Articles of Incorporation of the Short North Special Improvement District, Inc., a Ohio non-profit corporation, created pursuant to Chapter 1702 of the Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, Section 1710.02 (E) further excludes the property owned by the municipal corporation unless the municipal corporation specifically authorizes its property to be included in the district; and

WHEREAS, the Clerk of Columbus City Council finds that the property owners per the signed Petition, if authorized by this Council represents 60% of the front footage of the property located in the SID, all as provided by Section 1710.02 of the Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, it is the determination of this Council that the SID is a valuable tool for continuing to further economic development and a means of continuing to revitalize the Short North Special Improvement District; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development in that it is immediately necessary to approve the Petition for the formation of the Short North Special Improvement District and approve the Articles of Incorporation of the Short North Special Improvement District, Inc., all for the immediate preservation of the public health, property, safety and welfare; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

SECTION 1. That the Petition for the reauthorization of the Short North Special Improvement District and the Articles of Incorporation of Short North Special Improvement District, Inc., now on file with the Clerk of the Columbus City Council, are hereby approved.

SECTION 2. That the properties of the City of Columbus abutting upon the streets described in the Petition are hereby authorized to be included in the district.

SECTION 3. 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 its passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.