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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: To respond to a petition filed on November 19, 2018 by the Far West Area Commission Task Force to create the Far West Area Commission as bounded and described herein, and to establish the Far West Area Commission as its representative area commission in accordance with Chapter 3109 of the Columbus City Code and with proposed bylaws filed as part of said petition.

FISCAL IMPACT: No funding is required for this legislation. Passage of this legislation will initiate notice procedures by the Department of Neighborhoods regarding various applications involving real property within the proposed area; necessitate additional routine staff work for the Department of Neighborhoods; and require annual funding in an amount to be appropriated by Council.

Emergency Justification: to expedite the election of officers and the creation of the Far West Area Commission for the preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare.

To enact new Section 3111.22 of the Columbus City Code in order to create the Far West Area Commission; and to declare an emergency.

WHEREAS, people interested in the area of Columbus described hereafter joined together to initiate efforts to establish an area commission for their area; and

WHEREAS, a task force was established to consider organizational questions, to choose directions, to prepare and circulate documents required by Chapter 3109 of the Columbus City Code to file such documents with the City Clerk, to notify residents and to serve that area until an area commission is appointed and organized; and

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2018, the task force, through Sharon Rastatter, the agent for petitioners, filed with the City Clerk a petition for the creation of the Far West Area Commission together with proposed by-laws and selection procedures for its operation; and

WHEREAS, public notice of such filing was published in the City Bulletin on November 24, 2018, as required by Section 3109.03 of the Columbus City Code and more than sixty days have elapsed since such notice was given; and

WHEREAS, on December 11, 2018, the Task Force notified residents of the proposed area of: (1) the filing with the City Clerk; (2) its general provisions including the area boundaries as set out in the petition; and (3) the method for objecting thereto, as required by Section 3109.03 of the Columbus City Code by notice published in the newspaper, The Daily Reporter; and

WHEREAS, no objections were filed with the City Clerk, and

WHEREAS, Council finds that the Far West Area Commission Task Force has complied with the provisions of Chapter 3109 of the Columbus City Code for the creation of a Commission Area and establishment of an area commission and it is reasonable to so provide; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Neighborhoods in that it is necessary for this area commission to be created as soon as possible so that the process for selection of persons to be nominated for appointment by the Mayor can be expedited for the preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; **now, therefore,**

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

SECTION 1. That the Columbus City Code is hereby supplemented by the enactment of new section 3111.22 reading as follows:

3111.22 The Far West Area Commission created.

There is hereby created in the city a commission area to be known as the Far West Area Commission, containing approximately 11.65 square miles, 15,605 housing units and located, bounded and described as follows:

On the north:

Columbus Corporation limits from Alton Darby Creek Road to I-270. (Northern boundary meets Hilliard City limits.)

On the east:

I-270 north of Norfolk Southern Railroad until I-70. Continuing north from I-70 along the eastern most track of Buckeye Rail Yard until Scioto Darby Road. (Eastern boundary abuts western boundaries of Greater Hilltop AC and newly formed West Scioto AC.)

On the south:

Centerline of Norfolk Southern Railroad Tracks. (Southern boundary abuts northern edge of Westland AC.)

On the west:

The Hamilton Run north of Norfolk Southern Railroad to Roberts Road. Continuing along the centerline of Roberts Road / Old Roberts Road to a point where, if extended, Old Roberts Road would intersect with Alton Darby Creek Road. Continuing north along the centerline of Alton Darby Creek Road to Columbus corporation limits at a point approximately ¼ mile north of Pinefield Drive. Exclusive of incorporated Hilliard City sections within this area, Anderson Meadows, Hilliard Summit, and two elementary schools.

The Far West Area Commission is hereby established as the representative advisory area commission pursuant to Chapter 3109 of the Columbus City Code having the powers and duties thereof in accordance with the regulations therein and the by-laws for the Far West Area Commission filed with the City Clerk, subsequently amended and now approved hereby.

SECTION 2. That the Far West Area Commission Task Force shall institute its selection procedure for nominations to the Far West Area Commission and certify the results to the Mayor and to the City Clerk. Pursuant to Section 3109.11 of the Columbus City Code, said Task Force may perform any necessary functions described in Section 3109.14 of the Columbus City Code for the period of time prior to the Mayor's appointment of Commission members and Council's approval. Such period shall not exceed one year.

SECTION 3. That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared an emergency measure and shall take effect and be enforced from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.