



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: Authorization is needed for the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a 5 year lease agreement for the property at 345 Reeb Ave. (010-017962) to Mid-Ohio Food Bank, an Ohio nonprofit whose project is to transform vacant and underutilized sites in under-served neighborhoods into productive, sustainable urban farms that provide low-income, food insecure residents increased access to fresh, local produce and encourage civic engagement. The garden is the 2017 South Side Fruit Park installation of fruit trees, trellises, and picnic tables and constructed with the Parsons Place affordable housing development. The garden was previously maintained by the Parsons Avenue Merchant Association. This legislation authorizes the Director of Development to enter into the necessary lease agreement as needed for the use, operation, lease, and management of the property by Mid-Ohio Food Bank.

FISCAL IMPACT: The City will collect "Rent" as defined as lessee's annual rental payment to the City in the amount of One-Hundred Eighty Two and 00/100 U.S. Dollars (\$182.00), which is calculated at \$400.00 U.S. Dollars per acre.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into the necessary lease agreement as needed for the use, operation, lease, and management of 345 Reeb Ave. (010-017962).

WHEREAS, by Ordinance 1325-98, Council adopted and elected to use the Revised Code Chapter 5722, Land Reutilization Program, to facilitate effective reutilization of nonproductive land acquired through a sale pursuant to a foreclosure proceeding initiated by the Franklin County Treasurer, or through a sale of forfeited lands by the Franklin County Auditor, or through a conveyance in lieu of foreclosure to foster either return of such land to tax revenue generating status or its devotion to public use, or any other land acquired as part of the land reutilization program; and

WHEREAS, a proposal for the lease of the property which was acquired pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5722.06 meets the Land Reutilization Program's Lease Policies and Guiding Principles and has been approved by the Land Redevelopment Office Administrator; and

WHEREAS, in conformity with Columbus City Code Section 329.33 in order to complete the lease agreement of such property to the lessee, authority is needed for the Director of the Department of Development to execute any and all necessary lease agreements for the real property; and

WHEREAS, in order to complete the transfer of such property to the purchaser, authority is needed for the Director of the Department of Development to execute any and all necessary agreements and deeds of conveyance for the real property; and **now therefore,**

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of the Department of Development is hereby authorized to execute any and all necessary lease agreements for the use, operation, lease, and management of the property, as determined by the Director of the Department of Development, of the following parcel of real estate to Mid-Ohio Food Bank.

PARCEL NUMBER: (010-017962)

ADDRESS: 345 Reeb Ave.

Columbus, Ohio 43207

RENT: \$182.00 per year

USE: Community Garden & Urban Farming

SECTION 2. For the property stated in Section 1, that the Director of Development is hereby authorized to execute any agreements to ensure compliance with land bank program rules.

SECTION 3. That Council hereby finds that the selection process utilized in this matter is in accordance with the Land Bank Lease Process created pursuant to the City's Land Reutilization Program and hereby approves the same.