



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** The Neighborhood Design Center is a non-profit, community-based corporation. The City has been funding the Neighborhood Design Center since November 1982 and in conjunction with the Ohio State University since 1986. Since that time, this organization has undertaken work for numerous clients within the Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization Program (NCR) Districts. They have provided design assistance to the business associations, their members, and non-members. In addition, the Design Center assists with financial alternatives within the CDBG service area.

In addition to the above activities the Design Center will now be doing a property asset inventory of all buildings in the NCR Districts to determine building size and condition for future revitalization purposes. The Design Center will also provide "follow through" services to all NCR Districts businesses by assisting clients with the rehabilitation process from design through construction.

This legislation authorizes the expenditure of \$25,000 for the above-mentioned purposes.

Emergency action is requested to allow the above activities to start in a timely manner.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Funding for the Neighborhood Design Center will consist of \$25,000 from the 2011 General Fund.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a contract with the Neighborhood Design Center in support of the Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization Program; to authorize the expenditure of \$25,000 from the General Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$25,000)

**WHEREAS,** the Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization Program encourages the aesthetic improvement of exterior building facades; and

**WHEREAS,** the Neighborhood Design Center promotes the role of the architect in the development process and provides training for architecture students; and

**WHEREAS,** the Neighborhood Design Center will be providing additional services to assist with the revitalization efforts in the NCR Districts; and

**WHEREAS,** the Neighborhood Design Center will now be doing a property asset inventory as well as "follow through" services in all the NCR Districts; and

**WHEREAS,** the Department of Development desires to enter into a contract with the Neighborhood Design Center to provide the above services; and

**WHEREAS,** an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development in that it is immediately necessary to enter into contract with the Neighborhood Design Center to allow program activities to start in a timely manner, all for the immediate 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 Director of the Department of Development is hereby authorized and directed to enter into a fifteen (15) month administrative contract, commencing November 1, 2011 and ending January 31, 2013 with the Neighborhood Design Center.

**Section 2.** That this contract is awarded pursuant to Section 329.15 of the Columbus City Code, 1959 as amended.

**Section 3.** That the expenditure of \$25,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the Department of Development, Economic Development Division, Division 44-02, General Fund No. 010, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3336, OCA 442030.

**Section 4.** 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.