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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: In 2005, the Northland Alliance, the Morse Road Exploratory Committee and the City of Columbus Department of Development initiated an effort with property owners on Morse Road, from Indianola Avenue to Cleveland Avenue, to create a Special Improvement District (SID). The Morse Road Special Improvement District (SID), a non-profit organization, per City Council approval, was created in August of 2006 to go into effect in January 2007. As part of the Morse Road SID, the Development Department and the Public Service Department entered into a Tri-Party Cooperative Share Agreement that authorized the Morse Road SID to perform mowing services on City-owned land in the Morse Road SID area. For services performed, the City of Columbus agreed to pay the Morse Road SID up to \$50,000 per year for the 10 years of the SID. The Morse Road SID has not received full compensation for services performed over the past three years. The last payment to the Morse Road SID was made in 2012. The payment amount was \$25,000.

This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to make payment to the Morse Road SID for services performed and to allow the Morse Road SID to continue to perform services as authorized by the Tri-Party Cooperative Share Agreement.

Emergency action is requested to allow payment to be made without further delay to prevent the interruption of the delivery of vital program services.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$75,000 is available for this agreement from the 2015 General Fund budget.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to make payment to the Morse Road Special Improvement District for mowing services performed on City-owned land in the Morse Road SID area; to authorize the expenditure of \$75,000 from the General Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$75,000)

WHEREAS, the Morse Road SID was formed in August 2006, per Columbus City Council approval, and took effect in January 2007 for a period of ten years; and

WHEREAS, the Development Department and the Public Services Department entered into a Tri-Party Agreement with the Morse Road SID that authorized the Morse Road SID to perform mowing services on City-owned land in the Morse Road SID area; and

WHEREAS, in exchange for the mowing services performed by the Morse Road SID on City-owned land, the City agreed to reimburse the Morse Road SID up to \$50,000 a year for a ten year period; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus has not provided full compensation for services performed as the last payment was made in 2012 for \$25,000; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus desires to compensate the Morse Road SID for services performed in the amount of \$75,000; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Development Department in that it is immediately necessary to make payment to the Morse Road SID in the amount of \$75,000 for services performed and to prevent the interruption of the delivery of services, 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 Director of the Department of Development is hereby authorized to make payments to the Morse Road Special Improvement District in accordance with the Tri-Party Cooperative Share Agreement to perform mowing services on City-owned land in the Morse Road SID area and to reimburse the Morse Road SID \$75,000 for services already performed.

SECTION 2. That for the purpose stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$75,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the Department of Development, Economic Development Division, Division 44-02, Fund 010, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3337, OCA 440314.

SECTION 3. That this contract was awarded in accordance with the relevant provisions of City Code Chapter 329 relating to not-for-profit service contracts.

SECTION 4. That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

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 passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.