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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: The Neighborhood Design Center is a non-profit, community-based corporation. The Neighborhood Design Center has received funding by the City 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 all the NCR districts. They have provided design assistance to the business associations, their members, and non-members. The Neighborhood Design Center also carries out planning activities as well as assists with financial alternatives.

The City is now asking the Neighborhood Design Center to provide the services listed above as well as inventory and visioning services for first floor retail in the "Mile on High" district in Downtown Columbus. A minor amount of design assistance may well stimulate investment and create a quality business built upon good design.

This legislation authorizes the appropriation and expenditure of \$50,000 from the Urban Site Acquisition Fund and authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to enter into an agreement with the Neighborhood Design Center for administrative costs associated with the services referenced above.

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

FISCAL IMPACT: The \$50,000 for the administrative costs will come from the Urban Site Acquisition Fund. This legislation will authorize the transfer, appropriation and expenditure of funds.

To authorize the appropriation and transfer of \$50,000 between subfunds within the Urban Site Acquisition Loan Fund; to authorize the appropriation of \$50,000 within the Urban Site Acquisition Loan Fund to the Department of Development; to authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into an agreement with the Neighborhood Design Center for administrative costs; to authorize the expenditure of \$50,000 from the Urban Site Acquisition Loan Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$50,000)

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Design Center has been established to promote the role of the architect in the development process, to provide training for architecture students, and to encourage good design in redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Design Center also carries out planning activities and provides financial alternatives to businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Development desires to enter into a contract with the Neighborhood Design Center to provide architectural services and related design assistance, planning activities and inventory and visioning services for first floor retail in the "Mile on High" district in Downtown Columbus; and

WHEREAS, emergency action is requested to allow the Neighborhood Design Center to provide design and related services in the "Mile on High" district in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development in that it is immediately necessary to appropriate and expend funds for administrative costs associated with the Neighborhood Design Center, 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. The City Auditor is hereby authorized to establish a subfund within the Urban Site Acquisition Fund, Fund 292, to provide for administrative costs associated with the Neighborhood Design Center services for the "Mile on High" district in Downtown Columbus.

Section 2. The City Auditor is hereby authorized to appropriate and transfer \$50,000 in cash from the Urban Site Acquisition Fund, Fund 292, Subfund 003 to the Subfund created by Section 1 of this ordinance.

Section 3. That the City Auditor be and is hereby authorized to appropriate \$50,000 for the Urban Site Acquisition Loan Fund, Fund 292, to the Department of Development, Economic Development Division, Division 44-02, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3336 for administrative costs associated with the Neighborhood Design Center services for the "Mile on High" district in Downtown Columbus.

OCA Codes and Subfund numbers will be issued by the City Auditor upon establishment of the Subfund.

Section 4. That the Director of the Department of Development is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Neighborhood Design Center for administrative costs associated with services for the "mile on High" district in Downtown Columbus.

Section 5. That for the purpose stated in Section 4, the expenditure of \$50,000 or so much as may be necessary be and is hereby authorized to be expended from the Urban Site Acquisition Loan Fund, Fund 292, Department of Development, Economic Development Division, Division 44-02, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3336.

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Section 6. That for the reason 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.