



## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** The purpose of this legislation is to authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Development to receive and administer a Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund grant of up to \$3 million to clean and redevelop the former Kimball Midwest site at 580-582 West Goodale Blvd. and to authorize entering into an agreement with the Wagenbrenner Development Company, to apply the grant funding toward the environmental clean up work at the project site to prepare for redevelopment.

Pursuant to Ordinance 0031-2010, passed by Columbus City Council on January 11, 2010, the Columbus Department of Development applied for, and was awarded, a Clean Ohio grant of \$3 million from the Ohio Department of Development to remediate the Kimball Midwest site in partnership with the Wagenbrenner Development Company.

The Wagenbrenner Development Company is committed to invest approximately \$9 million to construct 90-120 market rate apartment units utilizing LEED standards for the renovation of various existing structures and for new construction. Wagenbrenner also proposes to grant an easement to the City, along Goodale Blvd., for the extension of the Olentangy bike path and proposed pedestrian bridge over the Olentangy River.

This legislation is submitted as an emergency to commence work under the grant contingent on Ohio Controlling Board Approval scheduled for July 19, 2010.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Funding for this legislation is provided by a Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund grant from the Ohio Department of Development in the amount of \$3,000,000.

To authorize and direct the Director of the Department of Development to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Development to receive and administer a Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund grant of up to \$3 million for the environmental clean up and redevelopment of the Kimball-Midwest site; to authorize the appropriation of \$3 million from the General Government Grant Fund; to authorize the Director of the Columbus Department of Development to enter into an agreement with The Wagenbrenner Development Company to apply said grant funding for environmental clean up and redevelopment of the Kimball Midwest site; to authorize the expenditure of \$3 million from the General Government Grant Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$3,000,000)

**WHEREAS,** the City of Columbus contains brownfield properties which may qualify for Clean Ohio clean up and redevelopment grant funding; and

**WHEREAS,** the Columbus Department of Development has been involved with brownfield redevelopment since 1996 through its administration of the Columbus Brownfield Redevelopment Program and its associated task force; and

**WHEREAS,** Clean Ohio grant funding is available for environmental clean up and will greatly compliment the efforts of the Columbus Department of Development in helping to clean up and redevelop brownfield properties in Columbus; and

**WHEREAS,** the Columbus Department of Development identified a brownfield property, which was awarded \$3 million in Clean Ohio grant funds by the Ohio Department of Development, contingent on Ohio Controlling Board approval, at the Kimball-Midwest site, 580-582 West Goodale Blvd., where environmental clean up is required before redevelopment can occur; and

**WHEREAS,** Kimball-Midwest site owner and developer; the Wagenbrenner Development Company, intends to clean and redevelop the site with residential units investing approximately \$9 million; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development in that it is immediately necessary to begin the process to receive grant funding for environmental clean up at the former Kimball-Midwest site, all for the preservation of 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 Columbus Department of Development is hereby authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Development to receive and administer a Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund grant in an amount of up to \$3 million for environmental clean up activities at the former Kimball-Midwest site in Columbus.

**Section 2.** That the sum of up to \$3 million be and is hereby appropriated from the un-appropriated balance of the General Government Grant Fund, Fund 220, and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources appropriated and un-appropriated for any other purpose during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2010, to the Department of Development, Economic Development Division, Division Number 44-02, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3526, with the OCA and grant codes to be issued by the City Auditor upon award of said grant.

**Section 3.** That the Director of the Columbus Department of Development is authorized to enter into an agreement with the Wagenbrenner Development Company in an amount of up to \$3 million for environmental clean up work at the former Kimball-Midwest site in Columbus.

**Section 4.** That for the purpose stated in Section 3, the expenditure of up to \$3 million is hereby authorized from the General Government Grant Fund, Fund 220, Department of Development, Economic Development Division, Division No. 44-02, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3526, with the OCA and grant codes to be issued by the City Auditor upon award of said grant.

**Section 5.** That the monies appropriated in the foregoing Section 2 shall be paid upon order of the Director of The Columbus Department of Development, and that no order shall be drawn or money paid except by voucher, the form of which shall be approved by the City Auditor.

**Section 6.** That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this resolution is declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its adoption and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after adoption if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.