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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: Ordinance 1609-2008 authorized the expenditure of funds from the Special Income Tax Fund to the Development Revolving Loans/Grants Fund for the purpose of providing assistance to low income homeowners for the operation of various affordable housing programs administered by the Housing Division including homeowner assistance in Neighborhood Pride areas, roof repairs, home maintenance for seniors and accessibility modifications. At this time a balance of \$16,596.86 remains in the loan portion of this account.

It has been determined that the City needs to expand the use of funds beyond traditional definitions of low income homeowners to include moderate income homeowners up to 120% AMI as defined by HUD and to include all Housing Division programs. Examples of possible uses include lead abatement for households with a child with an elevated blood lead level and downpayment assistance to a household that does not qualify for traditional assistance due to income limits. All assistance provided with these funds would be loans to the homeowner.

Emergency action is necessary to allow for homeowners in need to be provided with services.

FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation will expand the activities eligible for expenditure. No additional funds are necessary.

To amend Ordinance 1609-2008, passed October 20, 2008, to allow homeowners up to 120% AMI as defined by HUD and expand the services to include all Housing Division programs to participate in the loan portion of this program; and to declare an emergency.

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2008, Columbus City Council passed Ordinance 1609-2008, to expand the allowable uses of the funds to include Home Safe and Sound Program; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the City needs to expand the use of funds beyond traditional definitions of low income homeowners to include moderate income homeowners up to 120% AMI as defined by HUD; and

WHEREAS, scope of allowable services also needs to be expanded to include all Housing Division programs; and

WHEREAS, the funds will continue to be provided as loans to those homeowners who need the services; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development, Housing Division, in that it is immediately necessary to amend Ordinance 1609-2008 to allow eligible homeowners in need to be provided with services, thereby preserving the public health, peace, property, safety, and welfare; and **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

SECTION 1. To amend Ordinance 1609-2008 by replacing the Title as follows:

To amend Ordinance 1609-2008, passed October 20, 2008, to allow homeowners up to 120% AMI as defined by HUD and expand the services to include all Housing Division programs to participate in the loan portion of this program; and to declare an emergency.

SECTION 2. To amend Ordinance 1609-2008 by replacing Section 2 as follows:

That the Director of the Department of Development is hereby authorized to provide assistance, as loans, for homeowners up to 120% AMI as defined by HUD for all programs administered by the Housing Division.

SECTION 3. 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 approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.