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BACKGROUND: Chapter 1710 of the Ohio Revised Code, effective September 29, 1994 provides for the creation of Special Improvement Districts, by non-profit corporations governed by trustees elected by the property owners for the provision of special services in a designated district. The City of Columbus currently has four Special Improvement Districts known as (SIDS); they are the Capital Crossroads SID, Discovery SID, Short North SID, and the Morse Road SID. All have been very successful and all have been reauthorized attesting to that success. A petition to approve a new SID in the University area to be known as the "University District Special Improvement District (University District SID)" was approved by Ordinance 0641-2015. The property owners initiated a one petition process in which the owners of more than 75% of the area of all real property located within the District signed, acknowledging that they were interested in the creation of a Special Improvement District and they approved of the Plan for Improvements and Services to be provided by the University District SID.

Another action required by the Ohio Revised Code is the approval of the Plan for Improvements and Services in said plan. This legislation was approved by Columbus City Council by Resolution 0061X-2015, adopted March 23, 2015. Also, in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code, another action declaring the necessity to implement the Plan of Improvements and Services adopted by the University District Special Improvement District of Columbus, Inc. and the necessity to levy a special assessment for the services was adopted by City Council as Resolution 0096X-2015 on April 27th, 2015.

This legislation will determine to proceed with the Plan of Services of the University District Special Improvement District of Columbus, Inc. and to provide for the levy of assessments in said district.

Emergency action is requested on this legislation to allow the special assessment process to proceed in a timely manner.

FISCAL IMPACT: No funding is required for this legislation.

To determine to proceed with the Plan of Services of the University District Special Improvement District of Columbus, Inc. and to provide for the levy of assessments in said district; and to declare an emergency.

WHEREAS, Chapter 1710 of the Revised Code, effective September 29, 1994 provides for the creation of Special Improvement Districts (SIDS), by non-profit corporations governed by trustees elected by the property owners for the provision of special services in a designated district; and

WHEREAS, the petition to create the University District Special Improvement District of Columbus, Inc. was accepted by City Council by Ordinance 0641-2015, passed March 23, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the petition to approve the Plan of Services to be provided by the University District Special Improvement District of Columbus, Inc. was accepted and approved by City Council by Resolution 0061X-2015, adopted March 23, 2015; and

WHEREAS, this Council has adopted Resolution 0096X-2015 on April 27, 2015 declaring the necessity of implementing the Plan of Services of the University District Special Improvement District of Columbus, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Plan for Services calls for the provisions of these services to the University District Special Improvement District of Columbus, Inc. to be funded by special assessment; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the City of Columbus in that it is immediately necessary to proceed in a timely manner with the Plan of Services of the University District Special Improvement District of Columbus, Inc. for the economic development and continued improvement of the University District area, 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 it is hereby determined to proceed with the Plan of Services of the University District Special Improvement District of Columbus, Inc. (SID) as set forth in said Plan heretofore approved by Resolution 0061X-2015, adopted on March 23, 2015 and as provided for in the Resolution of Necessity, 0096X-2015 adopted on April 27, 2015.

SECTION 2. That the services constituting the Plan shall be made in accordance with the provision of the Resolution of Necessity, 0096X-2015, and in accordance with the Plan of Services and estimate of cost of the Plan previously approved and on file in the office of the Clerk of Council.

SECTION 3. That the Council does hereby find that no claim for damages resulting from said Plan of Services have been filed with the Clerk of Council.

SECTION 4. That the assessable portion of the cost of the Plan of Services shall be assessed against the benefiting properties, in the manner and in the number of annual installments as provided in the Resolution of Necessity.

SECTION 5. That the estimated assessment heretofore prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk of this Council in accordance with the Resolution of Necessity is hereby adopted and confirmed.

SECTION 6. That the portion of the cost provided in the above-mentioned Resolution of Necessity to be assessed are hereby levied and assessed in the manner and number of installments provided in said Resolution 0096X-2015 and on the lots and lands described therein, which assessments are in proportion to the special benefits and are not in excess of any

statutory limitations.

SECTION 7. The assessment against each lot or parcel of land shall be payable over five (5) years in semi-annual installments. All assessments shall be collected as follows:

In two semi-annual collections by the County Treasurer. The City Auditor shall certify the herein-referenced unpaid special assessment to the County Auditor as provided by law.

SECTION 8. That pursuant to the provisions of Section 1710.11 of the Ohio Revised Code, University District Special Improvement District of Columbus, Inc., as soon as funds are available, may make and execute contract(s) for said Plan of Services in accordance with University District Special Improvement District of Columbus, Inc. rules for competitive bidding, and such improvements and services shall be financed as provided in the aforesaid Resolution of Necessity.

SECTION 9. That the Clerk of Council shall cause a notice of passage of this ordinance to be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Columbus and to continue on file in the office of the Clerk of Council said assessments.

SECTION 10. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this ordinance to the Auditor of Franklin County, Ohio within fifteen (15) days after its passage.

SECTION 11. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 12. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to post a copy of this ordinance in the Office of the Clerk of Council.

SECTION 13. That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is 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 adoption if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.