



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This Council is being asked to approve the Petition, and the Articles of Incorporation of the University Special Improvement District of Columbus, Inc., an Ohio not-for-profit corporation organized pursuant to ORC 1710.

The Petition and Articles of Incorporation are on file with the Clerk of the Columbus City Council.

In 2015 a petition to create a new SID in the University area to be known as the University District Special Improvement District (SID) was approved by Council. The property owners initiated a petition process in which the owners of at least 75% of the area of all real property located within the District signed, acknowledging that they are interested in the creation of the University Special Improvement District and they approved of the Plan for Improvements and Services to be provided by the

University SID. The petition was accepted and approved by Columbus City Council by Ordinance 0641-2015, passed on March 23, 2015.

The current term of the University Special Improvement District will conclude in December 2020.

A one petition process has been initiated in which at least 60% of the property owners within the District signed that they are interested in reauthorizing the SID and they approve of the plan for improvements and services to be provided by the SID.

This legislation is the first of four actions required by Chapter 1710 of the Ohio Revised code to reauthorize.

Emergency action is requested to allow the University District Special Improvement District of Columbus, Inc. to continue the reauthorization of their Special Improvement District without interruption.

FISCAL IMPACT: No funding is required for this legislation.

To approve the University District Special Improvement District of Columbus, Inc., Petition and Articles of Incorporation and the inclusion of the properties owned by the City of Columbus 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 designated district; and

WHEREAS, the property owners located in the University SID area have initiated a petition to reauthorize the SID and have filed the petition with the Clerk of the Columbus City Council along with the Articles of Incorporation of the University Special Improvement District of Columbus, Inc., an Ohio non-profit corporation, created pursuant to Chapter 1710.02 of the Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, Section 1710.02 further excludes the property owned by the municipal corporation unless the municipal corporation specifically authorizes its property to be included in the district; and,

WHEREAS, the Clerk of Columbus City Council finds that the property owners per the signed Petition, if authorized by this Council, represents 60% of the front footage of the property located in the SID, all as provided by Section 1710.02 of the Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, it is determination of this Council that the SID is a valuable tool for continuing to further economic development and a means of continuing to revitalize the downtown area; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development, Economic Development Division, in that it is immediately necessary to approve the petition and the Articles of Incorporation for the University Special Improvement District of Columbus, Inc., all for the immediate preservation of the public health, property, safety and welfare; and

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. That the Petition for the reauthorization of the University Special Improvement District of Columbus, Inc. and the Articles of Incorporation of the University Special Improvement District of Columbus, Inc. now on file with the Clerk of the Columbus City Council, are hereby approved.

Section 2. That for the 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 its passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.