



## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** This Council is being asked to approve the Base Plan for Public Services and Improvements (Attached) to be provided by the University District Special Improvement District; and to approve the properties of the municipal corporation in said plan for improvements and services.

A Companion legislation is being presented simultaneously that approves the Petition and Articles of Incorporation that 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 60% of the frontage 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 concludes in 2020.

A petition process has been initiated in which owners of at least 60% of the frontage of all real property located within the District have 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 resolution is the second of a series of four actions required by Chapter 1710 of the Ohio Revised code to reauthorize.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** No funding is required for this legislation.

To approve the Base Plan for Public Services and Improvemens to be provided by the University District Special Improvement District of Columbus, Inc.; and to approve the properties of the municipal corporation in said plan for improvements and services.

**WHEREAS,** the property owners located in the University Special Improvement Development 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 to be responsible for the operation of the SID; and

**WHEREAS,** a companion piece of the legislation being presented to Columbus Council simultaneously will request the approval of the University SID's Petition and Articles of Incorporation and the inclusion of the properties owned by the City of Columbus in said district; and

**WHEREAS,** this legislation is requesting the approval of the Plan for Improvements and Services to be provided by the University SID pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1710; and

**WHEREAS,** The Clerk of Columbus City Council finds the property owners per the signed petition and the City per this resolution represents at least sixty percent (60%) of the front footage of the property located in the University SID per Chapter 1710; and

**WHEREAS,** it is determination of this Council that the Special Improvement District is a valuable tool for continuing to further economic development and a means of continuing to revitalize the downtown area; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:**

**SECTION 1.** That the Base Plan for Public Services and Improvements, including the estimate of cost of the improvements and services to be provided by the University District Special Improvement District of Columbus, Inc., now on file with the Clerk of Columbus City Council, and all of which are incorporated herein as (Attachment A), are hereby approved.

**SECTION 2.** That the Mayor or his designee is hereby authorized to designate in writing that the properties of municipal corporation abutting upon the streets described in the petition are included in the Plan of Improvements and Services as required by the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1710.

**SECTION 3.** That the Clerk of Columbus City Council is hereby directed to post a copy of this Resolution in the Office of the Clerk of Columbus City Council as provided by the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1710.

**SECTION 4.** That this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.