



Legislation Text

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1. BACKGROUND

This ordinance authorizes the Director of Public Service to execute an infrastructure maintenance agreement with the Short North Special Improvement District (the "SID") relative to the Short North Ornamental Arches (the "Arches").

The design and installation of the seventeen Arches spanning North High Street from Poplar Avenue to Smith Place in the Short North Arts District was the result of a joint effort by the City and the SID.

The City, acting through the Department of Public Service, has operated and maintained the Arches, with financial support from the SID, since 2008 in accordance with the Short North Ornamental Arches Contract, authorized by Ordinance 1296-2008.

Ordinance 0905-2012 authorized the execution of a contract modification between the parties to extend the contract term through December 31, 2016.

Ordinance 0084-2017 authorized the execution of a second contract modification between the parties to extend the contract term through December 31, 2017.

The SID has expressed willingness to undertake responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the Arches. This legislation seeks to effect that change.

2. FISCAL IMPACT

The SID shall, at its own expense, assume and bear all costs associated with the operation and routine maintenance of the Arches. The City will no longer pay these expenses.

3. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION

Emergency action is requested so that requisite agreements authorizing the transfer of operational control of and maintenance responsibility for the Arches to the SID may be executed as soon as reasonably practicable.

To authorize the Director of Public Service to execute an infrastructure maintenance agreement with the Short North Special Improvement District relative to the Short North Ornamental Arches; and to declare an emergency. (\$0.00)

WHEREAS, the City partnered with the Short North Special Improvement District (the "SID") to design and install the Short North Ornamental Arches, which line North High Street in the Short North Arts District; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Service has operated and maintained the Arches, with financial support from the SID, since 2008 in accordance with the Short North Ornamental Arches Contract, authorized by Ordinance 1296-2008, and subsequent modifications thereto; and

WHEREAS, the SID now proposes assuming responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the Arches; and

WHEREAS, this legislation seeks to authorize the execution of an infrastructure maintenance agreement, and future amendments or modifications thereto that do not significantly affect the terms of the agreement, if needed, between the Department of Public Service and the SID, whereby the SID agrees to be responsible for operating and maintaining the Arches; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Service in that it is immediately necessary to authorize this legislation so that requisite agreements authorizing the transfer of operational

control of and maintenance responsibility for the Arches to the SID may be executed as soon as reasonably practicable;
now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of Public Service be and is hereby authorized to execute an infrastructure maintenance agreement, and future amendments or modifications thereto that do not significantly affect the terms of the agreement, if needed, with the Short North Special Improvement District to facilitate the ongoing operation and maintenance of the Short North Ornamental Arches.

SECTION 2. 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 passage and approval by the Mayor or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.