



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This Council is being asked to approve the Plan of Services (Attached) to be provided by the Short North Special Improvement District (SID); and to approve the properties of the municipal corporation in said plan of 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 1998 the Short North Special Improvement District (SID) was created for a term of 12 years through 2011. In 2011 the property owners sought and obtained reauthorization for a period of five years. In 2016 the Short North SID was reauthorized for another five years. The petition to reauthorize the SID and Articles of Incorporation was approved by City Council by Ordinance No. 0612-2016, passed March 14, 2016. City Council also approved the Plan of Services to be provided by the Short North SID by Resolution No. 0044X-2016, passed March 21, 2016. The necessity to implement the Plan of Services and to levy a special assessment for the improvements and services was approved by City Council by Resolution No. 0099X-2016, passed May 2, 2016. A final piece of legislation, providing for the levy of assessment to property owners, was approved by City Council by Ordinance No. 1580-2016, passed June 20, 2016.

The current term of the Short North Special Improvement District concludes in December 2021.

A one 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 of 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 plan for improvements and services to be provided by the Short North Special Improvement District, Inc.; and to approve the properties of the municipal corporation in said plan for improvements and services.

WHEREAS, the property owners located in the Short North 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 Short North 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 Short North 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 City Council's approval of the Plan of Services to be provided by the Short North 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 Short North SID per Chapter 1710; and

WHEREAS, it is the 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 Short North area; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

SECTION 1. That the Plan of Services, including the estimate of cost of the improvements and services to be provided by the Short North 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 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.