



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This Council is being asked to approve the Petition, and the Articles of Incorporation of the Short North 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.

The Short North Special Improvement District (SID) was created in 1998 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 for Improvements and 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 Improvements and 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 will conclude in December 2021.

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 required to allow the Short North Special Improvement District of Columbus, Inc. to continue the reauthorization of their Special Improvement District in a timely manner.

FISCAL IMPACT: No funding is required for this legislation.

To approve the Short North Special Improvement District, 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 District (SID), 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 Short North 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 Short North 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 at least 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 the 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 Short North Special Improvement District of Columbus, Inc. in order to continue the reauthorization of their Special Improvement District in a timely manner, 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 Short North Special Improvement District of Columbus, Inc. and the Articles of Incorporation of the Short North Special Improvement District of Columbus, Inc. now on file with the Clerk of the Columbus City Council, are hereby approved.

SECTION 2. That the properties of City of Columbus abutting upon the streets in the Petition are hereby authorized to be included in the District.

SECTION 3. 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.