



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** Three parcels currently held in the Land Bank has been approved for disposition. In order to complete the transfer, authorization is needed for the Director of the Department of Development to execute any and all agreements and deeds for conveyance of the real property. This legislation authorizes transfer of three parcels located at 507 Whitethorne Ave. (010-065733), 510 Whitethorne Ave. (010-081406) and 346 Ryan Ave. (010-037779) to WJ3 Properties, LTD who will construct new single family homes on the vacant parcels and sell for homeownership. The parcels will be transferred by deeds recorded in the Official Records of the Franklin County Recorder's Office.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The City may first recover reimbursement of any and all expenses incurred on account of the acquisition, administration, management, maintenance and disposition of such land and such other expenses of the program as the City may apportion to such land from the sale proceeds.

**EMERGENCY JUSTIFICATION:** Emergency Legislation is requested to expedite the transfer in order to reduce Land Bank maintenance costs.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to execute any and all necessary agreements and deeds for conveyance of title of three parcels of real property (507 Whitethorne Ave., 510 Whitethorne Ave. and 346 Ryan Ave.) held in the Land Bank pursuant to the Land Reutilization Program and to declare an emergency.

**WHEREAS,** by Ordinance 1325-98, Council adopted and elected to use the Revised Code Chapter 5722, Land Reutilization Program, to facilitate effective reutilization of nonproductive land acquired through a sale pursuant to a foreclosure proceeding initiated by the Franklin County Treasurer, or through a sale of forfeited lands by the Franklin County Auditor, or through a conveyance in lieu of foreclosure to foster either return of such land to tax revenue generating status or its devotion to public use, or any other land acquired as part of the land reutilization program; and

**WHEREAS,** a proposal for the sale of the property which was acquired pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5722.03 or 5722.06 meets the Land Reutilization Program's Disposition Policies and Guiding Principles and has been approved by the Land Redevelopment Office Administrator; and

**WHEREAS,** in conformity with Ohio Revised Code Section 5722.07, the property will be sold at not less than fair market value, defined as the appraised value of the nonproductive land made with reference to any redevelopment and reutilization restrictions as may be imposed by the electing subdivision as a condition of sale or as may otherwise be applicable to such; therefore, competitive bidding is not required; and

**WHEREAS,** in order to complete the transfer of such property to the purchaser, authority is needed for the Director of the Department of Development to execute any and all necessary agreements and deeds of conveyance for the real property; and

**WHEREAS,** an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development, Land Redevelopment Office in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to convey title of said parcels of real estate to expedite the transfer in order to reduce Land Bank maintenance costs, all for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; and **now therefore,**

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Director of the Department of Development is hereby authorized to execute any and all necessary agreements and deeds to convey title to the following parcels of real estate to WJ3 Properties, LTD:

PARCELS NUMBERS: 010-065733, 010-081406 and 010-037779

ADDRESSES: 507 Whitethorne Ave., 510 Whitethorne Ave. and 346 Ryan Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43223

PRICE: \$34,940 plus a \$585.00 Processing fee

USE: New Single Family Construction

**SECTION 2.** For the property stated in Section 1, that the Director of Development is hereby authorized to execute any agreement, deed restriction, or mortgage to ensure compliance with land bank program rules and the submitted application and to release such restriction or mortgage upon compliance.

**SECTION 3.** That Council hereby finds that the selection process utilized in this matter is in accordance with the Land Bank Disposition Process created pursuant to the City's Land Reutilization Program and hereby approves the same.

**SECTION 4.** 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.