

City of Philadelphia

City Council Chief Clerk's Office 402 City Hall Philadelphia, PA 19107

BILL NO. 080721	
Introduced September 25, 2008	3
Councilmember Sanchez	
Referred to the Committee on Rules	

AN ORDINANCE

Terminating the Frankford Special Services District ("District"), a neighborhood improvement district, all under certain terms and conditions.

WHEREAS, Bill No. 940638, approved May 27, 1995, authorized the City of Philadelphia to organize a Municipal Authority, known as "The Frankford Special Services District of Philadelphia" ("Authority"), pursuant to the provisions of the Municipality Authorities Act of 1945, P.L. 382, as amended, ("Act"); and

WHEREAS, The Authority was created for a term of five (5) years, as set forth in its Articles of Incorporation, approved by Bill No. 940638; and

WHEREAS, Following the Authority's incorporation, and in accordance with the Municipality Authorities Act of 1945, a five-year plan, adopted by the Authority for business improvements and administrative services to the Frankford Special Services District ("District"), was approved by Bill No. 960233, on July 5, 1996; and

WHEREAS, Bill No. 000541 (approved December 19, 2000) adopted an amendment to the Authority's Articles of Incorporation, extending the term of the Authority to December 31, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Bill No. 010100 (approved April 18, 2001) approved a new plan for the District for certain business improvements and administrative services through 2005; and

WHEREAS, The terms of both the Authority and the District expired on December 31, 2005; and

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WHEREAS, Bill No. 060957 (approved April 12, 2007) authorized the City Solicitor to file a Municipal Statement of Revival with the Secretary of the Commonwealth, in accordance with the Municipality Authorities Act of 1945 in order to retroactively revive and extend the term of the Authority to December 31, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Bill No. 070540 (approved January 3, 2008) reestablished the District, in accordance with the provisions of the Community and Economic Improvement Act ("Act") (53 P.S. § 18101 *et seq.*) until December 31, 2012, and designated the Authority as the Neighborhood Improvement District Management Association ("NIDMA") for the District; and

WHEREAS, Council now desires to take appropriate action under the Act to terminate the District, in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Act for terminating neighborhood improvement districts; and

WHEREAS, Council is authorized by the Act to make a decision to terminate a neighborhood improvement district, after holding a public hearing provided the approval of such termination is submitted, in writing, to the governing body of the municipality by 51% of the assessed property owners located in the District; and

WHEREAS, All procedures required by the Act for the termination of the District have been followed; particularly, the Clerk of Council has received approvals of termination filed by 51% or more of assessed property owners located in the District; now therefore,

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. In accordance with the provisions of the Community and Economic Improvement Act ("Act") (53 P.S. § 18101 *et seq.*), Council hereby approves the termination of the Frankford Special Services District, a neighborhood improvement district reestablished by Bill No. 070540.

SECTION 2. Council hereby authorizes and directs the City Solicitor to file the appropriate documentation with the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in accordance with the Act, advising the Commonwealth that the District has been terminated, and to take such other action as authorized by the Act.