

Legislation Text

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Amending an Ordinance approved December 24, 1959, as amended, which approved the redevelopment proposal of the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the redevelopment of the East Poplar Urban Redevelopment Area, East Poplar Urban Renewal Area, by approving the sixth amendment of the redevelopment proposal and the urban renewal plan, which provide, *inter alia*, for the additional land acquisition of twelve (12) additional properties for semi-public institutional reuse for which condemnation is determined not be imminent and changing the proposed land use for 901-947 North Marshall street from commercial to semi-public institutional reuse; all as contained in the sixth amendment of the redevelopment proposal and the sixth amendment to the urban renewal plan.

WHEREAS, The redevelopment proposal, the urban renewal plan and the relocation plan, of the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Philadelphia (hereinafter referred to as the “Redevelopment Authority”) for the redevelopment of the East Poplar Urban Renewal Area (hereinafter referred to as “Project”) was approved by Ordinance of the Council on December 24, 1959, as amended; and

WHEREAS, The Redevelopment Authority has prepared a sixth amendment of the redevelopment proposal and a sixth amendment to the urban renewal plan for the East Poplar Urban Renewal Area, each dated March, 2002, which provide, *inter alia*, for the additional land acquisition of twelve (12) additional properties for semi-public institutional reuse for which condemnation is determined not to be imminent and changing the proposed land use for 901-947 North Marshall street from commercial to semi-public institutional reuse; all as contained in the sixth amendment of the redevelopment proposal and the sixth amendment to the urban renewal plan; and

WHEREAS, The said sixth amendment of the redevelopment proposal and the sixth amended urban renewal plan have been submitted to the City Planning Commission of the City of Philadelphia and have been certified by the Commission to the Council; and

WHEREAS, The aforesaid amendments to the redevelopment proposal and the urban renewal plan will forward the objectives of the Community Development Program and activities of the City of Philadelphia with respect to the materialization of the City’s stated housing and other redevelopment and urban renewal goals; and

WHEREAS, The sixth amendment of the redevelopment proposal and the sixth amendment to the urban renewal plan promote sound urban renewal and redevelopment, and the elimination of blight in the Project; now, therefore

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. SECTIONS 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7 of the Ordinance approved December 24, 1959, as amended, entitled “An Ordinance approving the redevelopment proposal of the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the redevelopment of the East Poplar Redevelopment Area, East Poplar Urban Renewal Area, being the area generally bounded by Girard avenue on the north, Spring Garden street on the south, Fifth street on the east and Ninth street, Seventh street, Franklin street and Darien Street on the west; approving the urban renewal plan and determining that such plan conforms to a general locality plan and makes adequate provision in the relocation plan for families to be displaced; determining the necessity for changes in zoning, streets,

alleys, public ways, street patterns, location of public utilities,” are hereby further amended as follows:

SECTION 1. The redevelopment proposal, as amended by the respective amendments thereto including the [fifth] *sixth* amendment to the redevelopment proposal dated [February, 1965] *March, 2002* (including the redevelopment area plan, supporting data, and the urban renewal plan as amended by the [fifth] *sixth* amendment thereto dated [June, 1964] *March, 2002*) and the amended relocation plan submitted by the Redevelopment Authority for the East Poplar Redevelopment Area, East Poplar Urban Renewal Area (hereinafter called “Project”) are hereby approved. The area of the said Project is generally bounded as follows: On the north by Girard avenue, on the south by Spring Garden street, on the east by Fifth street, and on the west by Sixth street, Seventh street and Franklin street. The Authority is authorized to take such action substantially in accordance with the aforesaid redevelopment proposal, as amended, as may be necessary to carry out the amended proposal herein approved.

SECTION 2. Council finds and declares that the amended redevelopment proposal, including the [fifth] *sixth* amendment thereto dated [February, 1965] *March, 2002* (and including the redevelopment area plan as amended to date), and the amended urban renewal plan, including the [fifth] *sixth* amendment thereto dated [June, 1964] *March, 2002*, for the Project, having been duly reviewed and considered, are hereby approved. The Redevelopment Authority is authorized to take such action in substantial conformity to the redevelopment proposal, as amended, as may be necessary to carry it out. Council further finds and declares that the amended urban renewal plan for the Project, including the [fifth] *sixth* amendment thereto:

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(f) The [fifth] *sixth* amended urban renewal plan and the [fifth] *sixth* amended redevelopment proposal meet all of the conditions and requirements imposed by Title VI of the United States Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the regulations and policies of the United States Housing and Home Finance Agency effectuating the Title for the purpose of prohibiting discrimination with regard to race, color, creed or national origin.

SECTION 3. The Council further finds and declares that the amended relocation plan[, dated February, 1965] for the Project adequately provides relocation into decent, safe and sanitary housing, with a minimum of hardship, for all individuals and project families which are to be displaced, and adequately provides for assistance to aid in relocation and to minimize the hardship of displacement of business concerns which are to be displaced. The Redevelopment Authority is authorized to prepare or cause to be prepared for introduction into the Council such ordinances or resolutions of public utilities in order to implement and facilitate the amended urban renewal plan and redevelopment proposal hereby approved and, accordingly, the Council hereby declares that it will cooperate in helping to carry out the said amended urban renewal plan and redevelopment proposal and requests the various officials, departments, boards and agencies of the City having administrative responsibilities in the premises likewise to cooperate to such end and to exercise their respective functions and powers in a manner consistent with said amended urban renewal plan and redevelopment proposal.

SECTION 4. Council is cognizant that condemnation is not imminent with respect to the Project [Area] or the properties involved therein, and that public funds for such condemnation have not as yet been made available to the Redevelopment Authority. Council is further aware that general and special notice of the imminence of said condemnation will be publicly announced by the Redevelopment Authority through all appropriate news media and as required by law.

SECTION 5. Council finds and determines that the objectives of the [fifth] *sixth* amended urban renewal plan

and [fifth] *sixth* amended redevelopment proposal cannot be achieved through more extensive rehabilitation of the Project.

SECTION 2. Council determines that this twenty-ninth amendment of the redevelopment proposal for the Project meets all of the conditions and requirements relating to non-discrimination and fair practices imposed by federal and state law, by Chapter 9-1100 of The Philadelphia Code, and by regulation.

Explanation:

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted.

Italics indicate new matter added.