



Legislation Text

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Initiating action to establish a neighborhood improvement district in an area that generally includes Cheltenham Avenue with boundaries of Wadsworth Avenue on the west and Broad Street on the east, Ogontz Avenue with boundaries of Cheltenham Avenue on the north and 67th Avenue on the south and Wadsworth Avenue with boundaries of Cheltenham Avenue on the northeast and Michener Avenue on the southwest; to be known as The Greater Cheltenham Avenue Business Improvement District, and for which Greater Cheltenham Avenue Business Improvement District Inc., a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation, would serve as the Neighborhood Improvement District Management Association; approving a preliminary plan for and report concerning the District; and authorizing and directing the Committee on Rules and the Clerk of Council to take all actions that are required by the Community and Economic Improvement Act prior to enactment of an ordinance that would formally establish the District.

WHEREAS, Council is authorized by the Community and Economic Improvement Act ("Act") (53 P.S. §18101 *et. seq.*) to establish by ordinance neighborhood improvement districts and to designate certain entities to administer programs and services within such districts in order "to promote and enhance more attractive and safer commercial, industrial, residential and mixed-use neighborhoods; economic growth; increased employment opportunities; and improved commercial, industrial, business districts and business climates;" and

WHEREAS, Before an ordinance establishing a neighborhood improvement district is enacted, the Act requires that a preliminary plan for the district be mailed to property owners within the district, and that a public hearing be held on the preliminary plan; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of this resolution is to initiate action to create a neighborhood improvement district in the Cheltenham Avenue area, to be known as "The Greater Cheltenham Avenue Business Improvement District, ("District") and to ensure that all actions required by the Act to establish such a district are taken prior to enactment of an ordinance formally establishing the district; and

WHEREAS, The District shall operate under the Neighborhood Improvement District Management Association (NIDMA), known as Greater Cheltenham Avenue Business Improvement District Inc., a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation. Greater Cheltenham Avenue Business Improvement District Inc. also is the NIDMA for an abutting neighborhood improvement district established in Cheltenham Township that will operate cooperatively with the District; now therefore

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, THAT Council hereby initiates action to establish a neighborhood improvement district in an area that generally includes Cheltenham Avenue with boundaries of Wadsworth Avenue on the west and Broad Street on the east, Ogontz Avenue with boundaries of Cheltenham Avenue on the north and 67th Avenue on the south and Wadsworth Avenue with boundaries of Cheltenham Avenue on the northeast and Michener Avenue on the southwest; to be known as The Greater Cheltenham Avenue Business Improvement District. Council hereby approves as the preliminary plan for The Greater Cheltenham Avenue Business Improvement District, the preliminary plan attached as Exhibit "A," and Council adopts as the City's report concerning The Greater Cheltenham Avenue Business Improvement District, the report included as part of that preliminary plan.

RESOLVED FURTHER, THAT The Committee on Rules is hereby authorized and directed to take all actions required by the Community and Economic Improvement Act ("Act") prior to enactment of an ordinance formally establishing The Greater Cheltenham Avenue Business Improvement District, including the holding of any and all public hearings required by the Act. The Clerk of Council shall arrange for all mailings and publication of all notices required by the Act, as directed by the Chair of the Committee on Rules.