

Legislation Text

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Amending an Ordinance approved December 15, 1969, as amended, which approved the redevelopment proposal, the urban renewal plan and the relocation plan of the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the redevelopment of Grays Ferry Urban Renewal Area, by approving the tenth amendment of the redevelopment proposal and the urban renewal plan, which provide, inter alia, for certain changes, namely: the acquisition of approximately three (3) additional properties as well as the former railroad rights-of-way on the south side of Grays Ferry avenue between Thirty-fourth street and Thirty-sixth street; all as contained in the tenth amendment of the redevelopment proposal and the tenth amendment to the urban renewal plan.

WHEREAS, The ninth amendment of the redevelopment proposal and of the urban renewal plan, and the amended relocation plan, of the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Philadelphia (hereinafter referred to as the "Redevelopment Authority") for the redevelopment of the Grays Ferry Urban Renewal Area (hereinafter referred to as "Project") was approved by Ordinance of the Council on December 15, 1969, as last amended on December 9, 1999; and

WHEREAS, The Redevelopment Authority has prepared a tenth amendment of the redevelopment proposal and of the urban renewal plan for the Project, each dated August, 2000, which provide, inter alia, for certain changes, namely: the acquisition of approximately three (3) additional properties as well as the former railroad rights-of-way on the south side of Grays Ferry avenue between Thirty-fourth street and Thirty-sixth street for future redevelopment; all as contained in the tenth amendment of the redevelopment proposal and of the urban renewal plan; and

WHEREAS, The said tenth amendment of the redevelopment proposal and of the 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 Redevelopment Authority desires approval by the Council of the aforesaid amendments to the redevelopment proposal and urban renewal plan in order to better effectuate its purposes of promoting sound urban renewal and redevelopment, and the elimination of urban 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 15, 1969, as amended, entitled "An Ordinance approving the proposal of the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the redevelopment of Grays Ferry Urban Renewal Area, being the area beginning at the intersection of the easterly side of Twenty-fifth street projected and the northerly side of Washington avenue; approving the urban renewal plan and determining that such plan conforms to a general locality plan and makes adequate provision for individuals, business concerns and families who are displaced; determining the necessity for changes in and

for zoning, streets, alleys, public ways, parks and recreational facilities, street patterns, location and relocation of public utilities; determining that the urban renewal plan and the proposal prohibits discrimination because of race, color, creed, or national origin pursuant to the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the federal regulations and policies promulgated with respect thereto; declaring that condemnation is not imminent with respect to the Project; determining that the urban renewal plan cannot be achieved through more extensive rehabilitation; recognizing the need for additional and more detailed planning in conjunction with full community participation and funds therefor, for that part of the Project area beginning at the intersection of the easterly boundary of Twenty-eighth street and the northerly boundary of Wharton street; and declaring the interest of the City of Philadelphia in participating in the program of State assistance with respect to slum clearance, elimination of blight and deterioration, and for urban renewal and redevelopment purposes for the Project area and requesting an allocation of funds to the Redevelopment Authority, as provided for by the Act of May 20, 1949, P. L. 1633, as amended," are hereby further amended as follows:

Section 1. The [ninth] *tenth* amendment of the redevelopment proposal dated [September, 1999] *August, 2000*, including the detailed redevelopment area plan, the amended urban renewal plan, the amended relocation plan, the maps, and all other documents and supporting data which form part of the said proposal, submitted by the Redevelopment Authority for the Grays Ferry Redevelopment Area, Grays Ferry Urban Renewal Area (hereinafter "Project") having been duly reviewed and considered, is approved. The Redevelopment Authority is authorized to take such action as may be necessary to carry it out. City Council authorizes the Redevelopment Authority to proceed with minor changes in substantial conformity with the said redevelopment proposal as long as said minor changes are in conformity with the current area redevelopment plan for the Project. The Project is bounded as follows:

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Section 2. Council finds and declares that the [ninth] *tenth* amendment of the urban renewal plan having been duly reviewed and considered, is approved, and that:

- a. The [ninth] *tenth* amendment of the urban renewal plan for the Project conforms to the general plan for the development of the locality as a whole;
- b. Community Development Program financial aid is necessary to enable the land located within the Project to be redeveloped in accordance with the [ninth] *tenth* amendment of the urban renewal plan;
- c. The [ninth] *tenth* amendment of the urban renewal plan in the locality will afford maximum opportunity, consistent with the sound needs of the locality as a whole, for the redevelopment of the area by private enterprise under the circumstances;

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e. The [ninth] *tenth* amendment of the urban renewal plan gives due consideration to the provision of adequate park and recreation areas and facilities, as may be desirable for neighborhood improvement, with special consideration for the health, safety and welfare of children residing in the general vicinity of the Project; and

f. The [ninth] *tenth* amendment of the urban renewal plan and proposal meet all of the conditions and requirements imposed by law, including but not limited to Title VI of the United States Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended and supplemented, and the regulations and policies of the United States Department of

Housing and Urban Development effectuating the Title for the purpose of prohibiting discrimination with regard to race, sex, color, creed or national origin.

Section 3. Council finds and declares that the [ninth] *tenth* amendment of the redevelopment proposal is in conformity with the redevelopment area plan for the Project.

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Section 5. The Redevelopment Authority is authorized to prepare or cause to be prepared for introduction into the Council such ordinance or resolutions as may be necessary for changes in zoning, streets, alleys, public ways, street patterns and location and relocation of public utilities in order to implement and facilitate the [ninth] *tenth* amendment of the redevelopment proposal hereby approved. Accordingly, the Council hereby declares that it will cooperate in helping to carry out such [ninth] *tenth* amendment of the 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 therewith.

Section 6. Council is cognizant that condemnation in the hereby approved [ninth] *tenth* amendment of the redevelopment proposal is [not] imminent with respect to the Project such said condemnation nevertheless being subject to the availability of public funds. Council is further aware that general and special notice of said condemnation will be publicly announced by the Redevelopment Authority through all appropriate news media and as required by law.

Section 7. Council finds and determines that the objective of the [ninth] *tenth* amendment of the urban renewal plan and the [ninth] *tenth* amendment of the redevelopment proposal can best be achieved through rehabilitation or clearance, as the case may be, as provided for and described in the hereby approved amendments of the redevelopment proposal and the urban renewal plan.

SECTION 2. Council determines that this tenth amendment 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.