

Legislation Text

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Continuing the Aramingo Avenue Shopping District, a neighborhood improvement district, and amending the District's boundaries in an area generally including the east and west sides of Aramingo Avenue from 2700 Aramingo Avenue to 3995 Aramingo Avenue and certain blocks of streets that intersect that portion of Aramingo Avenue and for which Impact Community Development Corporation, a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation, is the Neighborhood Improvement District Management Association for the District; approving a final plan for the District, including a list of proposed improvements and their estimated cost, and providing for assessment fees to be levied on property owners within the District; authorizing the Director of Commerce, on behalf of the City, to execute an agreement with Impact Community Development Corporation, relating to the District; and authorizing Impact Community Development Corporation to assess property owners within the District a special property assessment fee to be used in accordance with the approved plan; all in accordance with the provisions of the Community and Economic Improvement Act, and under certain terms and conditions.

WHEREAS, Bill No. 080251 (approved September 24, 2008) established a business improvement district in the Aramingo business corridor, known as the Aramingo Avenue Shopping District ("District"); designated Impact Community Development Corporation, a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation, as the neighborhood improvement district management association for the District; and approved a final plan for improvements within the District; and

WHEREAS, On September 24, 2013, the term of the District will automatically terminate unless the District is continued; and

WHEREAS, Council is authorized by the Community and Economic Improvement Act, act of December 21, 1998, P.L. 1307, No. 174 ("Act") (53 P.S. §18101 *et. seq.*) to continue, by ordinance, neighborhood improvement districts beyond the date of their termination by reenacting the municipal enabling ordinance creating the original neighborhood improvement district, following a review of the neighborhood improvement district and the neighborhood improvement district management association programs and services within the district; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of this Ordinance is to continue the Aramingo Avenue Shopping District ("District"); and

WHEREAS, All procedures required by the Act for establishment of the District have been followed; in particular, more than forty-five (45) days have elapsed from the last public hearing required by the Act, and the Clerk of Council has not received objections filed by fifty-one percent (51%) or more of the affected property owners or property owners whose property valuation as assessed for taxable purposes amounts to fifty-one percent (51%) of the total property valuation within the proposed boundaries of 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 of December 21, 1998, P.L. 1307, No. 174 ("Act") (53 P.S. §18101 *et. seq.*), the Aramingo Avenue Shopping

District ("District") is hereby continued until December 31, 2018, within the boundaries set forth as Exhibit "A-1" attached hereto.

SECTION 2. Impact Community Development Corporation, a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation, is hereby continued as the Neighborhood Improvement District Management Association for the District.

SECTION 3. Council hereby approves as the final plan for the District the plan set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto. Impact Community Development Corporation is hereby authorized to assess commercial property owners within the District a special property assessment fee in accordance with the provisions of the final plan and the provisions of the Act.

SECTION 4. The Director of Commerce, on behalf of the City, is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Impact Community Development Corporation, in a form approved by the City Solicitor, which agreement shall include the following provisions:

- (a) A detailed description of the respective duties and responsibilities of the City and of Impact Community Development Corporation with respect to the District as set forth in the final plan approved under Section 3;
- (b) A requirement that the City will maintain within the District the same level of municipal programs and services that were provided within the District before its establishment;
- (c) A "sunset provision" under which the agreement will terminate on December 31, 2018 and may not be renewed unless the District is continued beyond that date in accordance with the sunset provisions of Section 5 of this Ordinance; and
- (d) Impact Community Development Corporation's agreement to be responsible for the collection of all commercial property assessment fees levied within the District and the City's agreement to file any necessary liens for nonpayment of commercial property assessment fees, as set forth in the Act at 53 P.S. §18107(a)(10).

SECTION 5. The District shall terminate on December 31, 2018, in accordance with the provisions of the final plan approved under Section 3. The District may be continued beyond that date only if Council reenacts this Ordinance following a review of the District and the programs and services provided by Impact Community Development Corporation within the District.

SECTION 6. The Chief Clerk shall keep on file the document referred to as Exhibit A in Section 3 of this Ordinance, and all accompanying documents referenced in Exhibit A, and shall make them available for inspection by the public during regular office hours.