

Legislation Text

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Initiating action to establish a neighborhood improvement district, to be known as the Mayfair Business Improvement District ("District"), in an area that generally includes both sides of Frankford Avenue from the north side of Harbison Avenue to the south side of Sheffield Street and certain blocks of streets that intersect that portion of Frankford Avenue; and for which Mayfair 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, Property owners, business owners and community leaders from the Mayfair neighborhood have been developing, for over a year, a strategy for the revitalization of the Frankford Avenue business corridor; and

WHEREAS, In developing this strategy, they have solicited input from property owners and businesses in the Mayfair community through numerous work meetings, community meetings, mailings and surveys; and

WHEREAS, As a result of this process, it has been determined that establishing a business improvement district along Frankford Avenue from Harbison Avenue to Sheffield Street, to include some of the adjacent blocks, would be the best means to revitalize the business corridor; 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.*) ("Act") 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 Mayfair area, to be known as the "Mayfair Business Improvement 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; now, therefore

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, THAT Council hereby initiates action to establish a neighborhood improvement district, to be known as the Mayfair Business Improvement District ("District"), in an area that generally includes both sides of Frankford Avenue from the north side of Harbison Avenue to the south side of Sheffield Street and certain blocks of streets that intersect that portion of Frankford Avenue; Council hereby approves as the preliminary plan for the Mayfair Business Improvement District, the preliminary plan attached as Exhibit "A," and Council adopts as the City's report concerning the Mayfair

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 Mayfair 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.