

Legislation Text

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Authorizing the Philadelphia Housing Authority to acquire by condemnation fee simple title to certain properties located in the vicinity of 19th street to the east, 28th street to the west, Cecil B. Moore avenue to the north, and College avenue to the south, under certain terms and conditions.

WHEREAS, City Council adopted Bill No. 150409 on June 18, 2015, which authorized the Philadelphia Housing Authority (hereinafter referred to as the "Housing Authority") to acquire by condemnation certain properties located in the vicinity of 19th street to the east, 28th street to the west, Cecil B. Moore avenue to the north, and College avenue to the south (hereinafter "Sharswood") for housing and related mixed-use purposes (hereinafter "Sharswood Project"); and

WHEREAS, The Housing Authority would like to acquire by condemnation fee simple title to certain additional properties which are needed for the Sharswood Project; and

WHEREAS, The Sharswood Project shall be in compliance with Title VI of the United States Civil Rights Act of 1964 (hereinafter "Title VI"), the regulations and policies of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development effectuating Title VI, and Chapter 9-1100 of The Philadelphia Code, relating to non-discrimination and fair practices; and

WHEREAS, The Housing Authority shall meet all applicable State and Federal relocation requirements. The Housing Authority shall ensure that displaced families and individuals shall have the full opportunity to move into decent, safe, and sanitary housing, that their displacement and the displacement of any business concerns shall be carried out with a minimum of hardship, and that they receive the full range of payments and benefits provided by law; and

WHEREAS, Council adopted Resolution No. 140392 on May 8, 2014, and Bill No. 150409, adopted on June 18, 2015, which approved the Agreement of Agency Designation (hereinafter "Agency Agreement") between the Housing Authority and the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority (hereinafter referred to as the "Redevelopment Authority") for the Sharswood Project. In accordance with the Agency Agreement, the Housing Authority has designated the Redevelopment Authority as the Housing Authority's agent to acquire certain properties located within Sharswood in the name of the Housing Authority; now, therefore

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Council finds and declares that the Sharswood Project meets all of the conditions and requirements imposed by Title VI of the United States Civil Rights Act of 1964, the regulations and policies of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development effectuating the Title, and Chapter 9-1100 of The Philadelphia Code, relating to non-discrimination and fair practices.

SECTION 2. Council finds and declares that the Sharswood Project:

- a. Provides for the proper relocation of individuals and families displaced in

carrying out the activities approved herein in decent, safe, and sanitary dwellings in conformity with acceptable standards, is feasible and can be reasonably and timely effected to permit the proper prosecution and completion of the undertakings in Sharswood and that such dwelling units available or to be made available to such displaced individuals and families are at least equal in number to the number of displaced individuals and families, are not generally less desirable in regard to public utilities and public and commercial facilities than the dwellings of the displaced individuals and families in Sharswood comprising the undertakings herein, are available at rents or prices within the financial means of the displaced individuals and families, and are reasonably accessible to their places of employment.

- b. Adequately provides for assistance to aid in relocation and to minimize the displacement of business concerns which are to be displaced.

SECTION 3. The Philadelphia Housing Authority (hereinafter referred to as the "Housing Authority") is authorized to acquire by condemnation, fee simple title to the following properties located in the vicinity of 19th street to the east, 28th street to the west, Cecil B. Moore avenue to the north, and College avenue to the south for housing and related mixed-use purposes:

1537 Beechwood street	2013 Ridge avenue
2348 Harlan street	2125 Ridge avenue
2347 Oxford street	2235-51 Stewart street
2050 Redner street	

SECTION 4. Council is aware that notice of any condemnation undertaken in accordance with this ordinance will be publicly announced by the Housing Authority through all appropriate news media as may be required by law.