



Legislation Text

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Resolution to Approve a Business Improvement Zone and Zone Plan for South Main Street between Huron and William

Whereas, South Main Street property owners between Huron and William undertook research and outreach, submitted a petition on October 13th, 2009 to the City Clerk, and received support from City Council on October 19, 2009 to pursue the development of a Business Improvement Zone for the South Main Street area between Huron and William Streets (the "Main Street BIZ") in accordance with P.A. 120 of 1961, as amended (Chapter 2 - Business Improvement Zones), MCL 125.990 et. seq. (the "BIZ Statute");

Whereas, The Main Street BIZ is the area bordered on the north by the centerline of Huron Street; on the east by the centerline of the alleyways bisecting the blocks between South Main Street and South Fourth Avenue; on the south by the centerline of Williams Street; and on the west by the centerline of the alleyways bisecting the blocks between South Main Street and South Ashley Street;

Whereas, The Main Street Business Improvement Zone Initiative, a non-profit corporation organized to initiate the Main Street BIZ (the "Initiative"), researched methods of delivering desired services to property owners in the proposed BIZ, established a budget for the delivery of those services, and reviewed multiple assessment formulas in an attempt to identify an equitable formula and rate of assessment for those services;

Whereas, The Initiative indicates that they have met all of the requirements of the BIZ Statute in initiating the Main Street BIZ and have gone beyond those requirements by reaching out to all property owners via mail, email, website, public forums and one-to-one contact to solicit ideas and present elements of the Main Street BIZ;

Whereas, The Initiative conducted a public meeting, as required by the BIZ Statute on December 2nd, 2009, to present to property owners in the Main Street BIZ the details of the Zone Plan for the Main Street BIZ and to secure the approval of that Zone Plan by those property owners; and

Whereas, By a roll call vote at that Public Meeting conducted by the City Clerk and reviewed by the City Assessor, 91% vote of property owners present at the public meeting approved of the Zone Plan for the Main Street BIZ;

RESOLVED, That City Council approves the establishment of the Main Street Business Improvement Zone and Zone Plan as adopted by the property owners at the Public Meeting and as submitted to the City Council;

RESOLVED, That City Council has determined that the assessment set forth in the Zone Plan, including the basis for allocating the assessment is appropriate; and

RESOLVED, That the City Clerk be directed to set an election by the property owners in the

proposed Main Street BIZ in accordance with the BIZ Statute not more than 60 days following the date of this resolution.

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Stephen Rapundalo, Sabra Briere, Sandi Smith, Tony Derezinski, Christopher Taylor, Stephen Kunselman and Margie Teall