



Legislation Text

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Resolution to Approve the Main Street Area Business Improvement Zone and Zone Plan
Whereas, The existing Main Street Business Improvement Zone (“Main Street BIZ”) was established in 2010 to provide a high quality, well-maintained, urban commercial environment by arranging for and overseeing projects such as sidewalk snow removal, sidewalk cleaning and landscaping;

Whereas, Additional commercial properties to the east and west of the Main Street BIZ have asked to join the Main Street BIZ under the proposed amended Main Street Area Business Improvement Zone (“Main Street Area BIZ”), which includes a ten-year plan;

Whereas, The existing Main Street BIZ property owners met and approved adding additional properties to the existing Main Street BIZ under the Main Street Area Business Improvement Zone Plan (“Zone Plan”), beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2024;

Whereas, Thirty percent of the property owners in the proposed Main Street Area BIZ, weighted by allocation of assessments as described in the Zone Plan, submitted a petition on March 14, 2014 to the City Clerk in accordance with P.A. 120 of 1961 (Chapter 2 - Business Improvement Zones), as amended (“BIZ Statute”);

Whereas, The Zone Plan describes services that will be provided by the Main Street Area BIZ that are supplemental to the services provided by the City, and the Zone Plan also provides a basis for allocating assessments in accordance with the BIZ Statute; and

Whereas, The Main Street Area BIZ is the area (a) bounded on the north by the south side of Huron Street (from east side of South Ashley Street to west side of South Fifth Avenue); (b) bounded on the east by the west side of South Fifth Avenue (from south side of East Huron Street to the north side of East Liberty Street), by the north side of East Liberty Street (from the west side of South Fifth Avenue to the west side of South Fourth Avenue), by the west side of South Fourth Avenue (from the north side of East Liberty Street to the north side of East William Street); (c) bounded on the south by the north side of East William Street (from the west side of South Fourth Avenue to the east side of South Ashley Street); and (d) bounded on the west by the east side of South Ashley Street (from the north side of West William Street to the south side of West Huron Street);

RESOLVED, That City Council approves the establishment of the Main Street Area Business Improvement Zone and Zone Plan as submitted by the City Clerk 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, subject to approval of the property owners in the proposed Main Street Area BIZ; and

RESOLVED, That the City Clerk be directed to set an election by the property owners in the proposed Main Street Area BIZ in accordance with the BIZ Statute not more than 49 days following

the date of this resolution.

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Taylor, Briere and Petersen