

AN ORDINANCE
NO.

An ordinance renewing Business Improvement Districts in Columbus, Georgia through December 31, 2034; and for other purposes.

THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1.

Ordinance No. 99-42 created a Business Improvement District for Columbus, Georgia. Ordinance No. 04-41 renewed a Business Improvement District for Columbus, Georgia for the period from January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2009, and Ordinance No. 09-6 further renewed the Business Improvement District for the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2014. Ordinance No. 14-41 again renewed the Business Improvement District for a ten-year period through December 31, 2024. There is hereby renewed a Business Improvement District in Columbus, Georgia as shown on the attached map and the attached description of district boundaries which shall remain on file in the office of the Muscogee County Tax Commissioner and the Department of Community and Economic Development. The attached district plan for the business improvement district is hereby adopted, approved and renewed. The Consolidated Government may impose a collection fee of up to 2.5% upon amounts collected through property tax charges in the business improvement district. Supplemental services provided by the District shall commence January 1, 2025 and the District shall terminate on December 31, 2034 unless renewed by further ordinance of the Columbus Council. Said supplemental services in the business improvement district shall be funded through the levy of business improvement district tax assessments for ten years beginning in 2015 and ending in 2024 through the annual ordinances levying taxes for Columbus, Georgia. This schedule is hereby made a part of the business improvement district management plan.

The said City Business Improvement District is renewed pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-43-1 et seq., as amended, which authorizes consolidated governments to establish and renew city business improvement districts for the purpose of imposing assessments on real property for specified services to the district.

Petitioners have been filed from property owners representing more than 51% of the assessed value or more than 51% of the total property owners requesting the Columbus Council to renew such a district in the designated area, as outlined in the management plan attached hereto as Exhibit A.

The legal boundaries of the city business improvement district and its three (3) benefit zones which will receive different levels of service, benefit and assessment are identified by the attached map in the management plan.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-43-1, the district plan for the provision of supplemental service to the District presented to the Columbus Council is hereby renewed and approved until amended by the Columbus Council. The governing body of district property owners shall make recommendations to the Columbus Council as to amendments to the district plan. The Finance Director or her designated representative shall serve as an ex-officio member of the governing body of the Business Improvement District to represent the Consolidated Government. The governing body of the Business Improvement District shall submit monthly financial statements to the Finance Director of the Consolidated Government for review and publication. The governing body of the Business Improvement District shall submit the budget for the Business Improvement District to the Columbus Council on an annual basis.

Section 2.

The City Business Improvement District Management Plan, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, contains the following information.

- (1) A map of the district in sufficient detail to locate each parcel of property within the district.
- (2) A description of the boundaries of the district, including the boundaries of any benefit zones.
- (3) A description of the services to be provided.
- (4) The time, manner and specific number of years in which assessment will be levied.
- (5) A description of how the management district will be governed by the private sector management organization.

Section 3.

The level of services presently provided by Columbus, Georgia in the area of the City Business Improvement District will continue to be provided at the same level as before the Business Improvement District was created or renewed.

Section 4.

A Public hearing was held on June 4th, 2024, at 5:30 pm in the Columbus Council Chambers, 3111 Citizen's Way, Columbus, Georgia and again on June 18th, 2024, at 9:00 am at the Muscogee County School Board Chambers-Public Education Center, 2960 Macon Road, Columbus, Georgia.

Section 5.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

4th day of June, 2024; continued on 1st Reading on June 18th 2024 and introduced a second time at a regular meeting held on the 9th day of July,2024, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Chambers voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor _____ voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III Mayor