

CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS  
ORDINANCE NO. 3659

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA THAT SETS THE PUBLIC  
HEARING DATE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BUSINESS DISTRICT IN  
COLUMBIA**

**WHEREAS,** the City of Columbia, Monroe and St. Clair Counties, Illinois (the “City”) has the authority to designate an area as a Business District pursuant to the Business District Development and Redevelopment Law, constituting Section 65 ILCS 5/11-74.3-1, et seq., as amended (the “Law”), to share business district sales tax revenues generated by a redevelopment project in the proposed Business District to induce a developer’s undertaking and performance of such project; and

**WHEREAS,** it is essential to the City’s economic and social welfare that its business districts be developed, maintained, and/or revitalized by assuring opportunities for development and attracting sound and stable commercial growth; and

**WHEREAS,** the City contracted with PGAV Planners, LLC to create a business district plan for the Route 3/I-255 Business District; Business District Plan (the “Plan”) dated November 10, 2023, providing for development of the proposed Business District, and said Plan contains the Basis for Finding that the Business District is a Blighted Area under the Law; and

**WHEREAS,** the Law requires that the City set, by ordinance, the time and place for a public hearing on the proposal to approve a business district plan and designate a business district.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED,** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia, Monroe and St. Clair Counties, Illinois, as follows:

**Section 1.** The preceding recitations in the upper part of this Ordinance are realleged, restated and adopted as paragraph one (1) of this Ordinance; and

**Section 2.** The public hearing shall be held before the City Council on January 16, 2024, beginning at 6:45 p.m., at the City Hall.

**Section 3.** The Mayor, City Clerk, and City Attorney are hereby authorized to publish and mail notices of the public hearing as required under the Act.

**Section 4.** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

**PASSED** by the City Council and **APPROVED** by the Mayor of the City of Columbia, Illinois and deposited and filed in the office of the City Clerk on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023, the vote being taken by ayes and noes and entered upon the legislative record as follows:

AYES: Aldermen Niemietz, Holtkamp, Riddle, Garmer, Khoury, Lawlor, and Nobbe.

NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: Alderman Huch.

APPROVED:

  
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BOB HILL, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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ANDREW HITZEMANN, City Clerk

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