

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 4th 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:


BOB HILL, Mayor

ATTEST:


ANDREW HITZEMANN, City Clerk

(SEAL)