



## Legislation Text

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041537, 060071  
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Substitute resolution relating to a requirement for Commissioner of City Development design review and approval for projects receiving financial support from the City's Housing Trust Fund.

This resolution adds to the City's adopted guidelines for the operation of the Housing Trust Fund a requirement that all projects financed by the Housing Trust Fund and involving new construction or substantial exterior renovation be subject to design review and approval by the Commissioner of City Development. It further requests the Housing Trust Fund Advisory Board to add, to its application form for Housing Trust Fund awards, language requiring design review and approval by the Commissioner of City Development prior to the issuance of a building permit for any Housing Trust Fund-financed project involving new construction or substantial exterior renovation.

Whereas, On September 26, 2006, the Common Council adopted File Number 060071, a resolution endorsing a framework and strategy for the financing and operation of the City of Milwaukee's Housing Trust Fund, including the establishment of a 13-member Housing Trust Fund Advisory Board responsible for evaluating requests for funding from the Housing Trust Fund and making funding-award recommendations to the Common Council; and

Whereas, File Number 060071 further directed City staff to draft the legislation necessary to implement the framework and strategy endorsed therein, including an ordinance establishing the Housing Trust Fund and provisions relating to its operation and funding; and

Whereas, On November 14, 2006, the Common Council passed File Number 041537, the ordinance creating the City of Milwaukee's Housing Trust Fund, which provides financial support to developers and community-based organizations for the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation and modification of affordable and accessible housing for low-income households; and

Whereas, Section 316-5-2-d of the Code of Ordinances directs the Housing Trust Fund Advisory Board to "adopt rules, guidelines and criteria to assist the Board in carrying out its responsibilities"; and

Whereas, The Housing Trust Fund Advisory Board has developed and adopted a 22-page application form that it uses to review, evaluate and score requests for funding from the Housing Trust Fund; and

Whereas, The Common Council finds that, to ensure that housing developments that receive support from the Housing Trust Fund are of high design quality and compatible with the existing built environment, and to enable low-income residents of Housing Trust Fund-financed development to enjoy the benefits of well-designed housing, it is essential to require City staff design review and approval of all housing developments financed by the Housing Trust Fund that involve new construction or substantial exterior renovation; and

Whereas, Neither the Housing Trust Fund guidelines adopted by File Number 060071 nor the current Housing Trust Fund application document require that a Housing Trust Fund-supported project receive design review and approval by City staff; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the "Operation of the Housing Trust Fund" portion of the "Resolved" clause of Common Council File Number 060071 is amended by adding the following statement:

12. All projects involving new construction or substantial exterior renovation that are financed by the Housing Trust Fund shall be subject to design review and approval by the Commissioner of City Development.

; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Housing Trust Fund Advisory Board is requested to add, to its application form for Housing Trust Fund awards, language referencing the requirement for design review and approval by the Commissioner of City Development prior to the issuance of a building permit for any Housing Trust Fund-financed project involving new construction or substantial exterior renovation.

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