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A resolution authorizing Business Improvement Districts to amend 2020 Operating Plans to add programs that address the COVID-19 Pandemic.

On March 15, 2020, Mayor Tom Barrett declared a state of emergency in the City of Milwaukee due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. This resolution delegates authority to the Commissioner of the Department of City Development to approve amendments to 2020 Operating Plans for Business Improvement Districts that include programs to assist businesses and/or property owners affected by the extraordinary nature of the Pandemic.

Whereas, The global COVID-19 Pandemic ("Pandemic") significantly poses an imminent threat to public health; and

Whereas, Milwaukee businesses have been required to adjust operations or cease operations completely in the interest of protecting the health of the public and their workers; and

Whereas, Milwaukee's Business Improvement Districts ("BIDs") provide programs that strengthen and enhance their districts and business activity in their districts; and

Whereas, BIDs are required to annually submit operating plans detailing their budget, programs and expenditures for the following year; and

Whereas, When 2020 BID operating plans were submitted to the Common Council for approval in fall 2019, there was no hint that the Pandemic would result in the widespread economic impact apparent today; and

Whereas, Several BIDs have expressed a desire to amend their 2020 operating plans to provide new programs that assist business and property owners affected by the Pandemic; and

Whereas, Amendments to a BID operating plan that create a material change to the operating plan must be approved by the City of Milwaukee; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the Common Council hereby delegates its authority to approve amendments to annual operating plans of Business Improvement Districts under 66.1109(3)(b) to the Commissioner of the Department of City Development ("DCD"), or his/her designee, for the limited purpose of approving amendments to 2020 operating plans that include programs that provide assistance to business and/or property owners adversely impacted by the Pandemic; and, be it

Further Resolved, That BIDs wishing to amend their operating plans for this purpose will be required to submit the amended plan to DCD, along with a certified resolution of BID's board of directors indicating that the amended plan was approved by a majority of the board at a meeting noticed and conducted in accordance with State of Wisconsin open meetings requirements; and, be it

Further Resolved that the delegation of authority to the Commissioner of DCD under this resolution shall continue until September 1, 2020.

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