



## MAYOR AND COUNCIL

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2024-06

#### **A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE APPLICATION FOR A FIVE-YEAR EXTENDED DESIGNATION AS A DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, under the Downtown Development Districts Act, 22 Del.C. §§ 1901 et seq. (the "Act"), the State of Delaware may designate districts within Delaware's cities, towns, and unincorporated areas that will qualify for significant development incentives and other State benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, these districts are known as Downtown Development Districts ("Districts"); and

**WHEREAS**, in 2015, the downtown area of the City of Dover was designated as a Downtown Development District for an initial ten-year period; and

**WHEREAS**, the Act allows the Governor to renew existing Districts for up to two five-year renewal periods, upon recommendation of the Cabinet Committee on State Planning Issues; and

**WHEREAS**, the Office of State Planning Coordination has developed a renewal application process to evaluate the performance of district responsibilities by the municipality, the continued need for the district, and its effectiveness in achieving program goals, with such applications being due six months prior to expiration; and

**WHEREAS**, application materials must include an updated district plan including updated goals, objectives, strategies, and key priority projects, a program evaluation, and a discussion of the continued need for the District designation supported by data, and information about the proposed incentive package to achieve the purposes set forth in the Act (the "Local Incentives") and;

**WHEREAS**, Applicants may revise the original District Boundary as a part of the renewal process to meet the redevelopment goals of the next five-year period; and

**WHEREAS**, if the renewal application is successful and the City receives a five-year extension of its District designation, the District Plan and Local Incentives proposed by the City shall be binding; and

**WHEREAS**, the incentives associated with designation as a Downtown Development District have and are expected to continue to greatly benefit current and future residents, businesses, non-profit organizations, and others within the City of Dover; and


**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Dover strongly believes that it is in the best interest of the City of Dover to apply for a renewal of the District designation.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The City Council supports the Application for a five-year extension of District Designation prepared by Rossi Group and dated March 2024 (the "Application"); and
2. The City of Dover is authorized to appoint a District administrator (the "Administrator") to file the Application on behalf of the City, and to provide such other documents and information as may be necessary or desirable in connection with the Application; and
3. If the Application is successful and the City of Dover receives notice of District renewal:
  - a. The City shall adhere to the District Plan and the Local Incentives contained in the Application for the duration of the District designation; and
  - b. The Administrator, or their designee(s), is authorized to execute such documents and enter into such agreements as may be necessary or desirable in connection with the Downtown Development Districts program and the rights and obligations of the City of Dover thereunder; and
  - c. The Administrator, or their designee(s), is authorized to carry out all District administrative and reporting requirements on behalf of the City of Dover for the duration of the District.

ADOPTED: May 13, 2024

  
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Actions History

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