

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 44 OF THE CITY CODE BY  
AMENDING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE WILMINGTON  
DOWNTOWN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT.**

**#4378**

**Sponsor:**

**Council  
Member  
Harlee**

**WHEREAS**, The City of Wilmington has enacted the provisions of Article VI “Business Improvement Districts” in the Wilmington City Code and Sections 44-151 through 44-153 thereof setting forth the provisions regarding the establishment of the Wilmington Downtown Business Improvement District, specifically in Section 44-153; and

**Co-Sponsors:**

**Council  
President  
Shabazz**

**WHEREAS**, the Delaware General Assembly has enacted the provisions of Title 22 of the Delaware Code, Chapter 15, Sections 1501 through 1507, authorizing municipalities by ordinance to create and authorize “municipal business improvement districts” within which commercial enterprises pay special assessments for enhanced municipal-type services which are governed and administered by managing authorities or companies; and

**Council  
Member  
Freel**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council deems it necessary and proper to amend the provisions of Section 44-153 to add one additional area along the 800 block of Washington Street to the Wilmington Downtown Business Improvement District in a manner consistent with the requirements of Title 22, Chapter 15 of the Delaware Code; and

**WHEREAS**, this area has been redeveloped from a primarily residential area into an area with a number of commercial properties since the creation of the Wilmington Downtown Business Improvement District; and

**WHEREAS**, this ordinance has been advertised in accordance with Title 22, Section 1503(b) of the Delaware Code and all other applicable public notice procedures.

**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON HEREBY ORDAINS:**

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 44 of the City Code is hereby amended by adding the underlined language in Article VI, Section 44-153(c)(1) relating to geographic boundaries.

**ARTICLE VI. BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS**

Section 44- 153. Establishment of the Wilmington Downtown Business Improvement District.

(c) *Geographic Boundaries.* The geographic boundaries of the WDBID shall include both sides of all designated streets acting as boundaries, to include the full perimeter of all properties fronting on such streets to the rear property lines of all such properties, unless the centerline of a street is specifically designated as the boundary, or unless specifically noted otherwise, and said geographic boundaries are as follows:

(1) The WDBID shall begin at the intersection of Front Street and the centerline of Walnut Street; thence proceed along the centerline of North Walnut Street to its intersection with 8th Street; thence along 8th Street to its intersection with French Street; thence along French Street to its intersection with 12th Street; thence along 12th Street to its intersection with King Street; thence along King Street to its intersection with 16th Street; thence along 16th Street across Market Street to the northern boundary of H. Fletcher Brown Park; thence along said boundary, turning south at the western boundary of H. Fletcher Brown Park to include 201 and 205 West 14th Street, to its intersection with the centerline of Orange

Street; thence along the centerline of Orange Street to its intersection with 13th Street; thence along Orange Street to its intersection with 12th Street; thence along 12th Street to its intersection with Washington Street; thence along Washington Street to its intersection with a line representing the northern boundary of the Medical Center of Delaware Property; thence along the said boundary of the Wilmington Hospital Property to its intersection with the centerline of Jefferson Street and a line extending from Jefferson Street; thence along said line of Jefferson Street to its intersection with the centerline of 12th Street; thence along 12th Street to its intersection with the centerline of Delaware Avenue; thence along the centerline of Delaware Avenue to its intersection with a line extending from the western boundary of 802 Delaware Avenue; thence along said boundary and a line extending from said boundary to its point of intersection with the centerline of 11th Street; thence along the centerline of 11th Street to its intersection with the centerline of Madison Street; thence along 11th Street to its intersection with Jefferson Street; thence along Jefferson Street to its intersection with 9th Street; thence along 9th Street to its intersection with Wollaston Street; thence along the centerline of Wollaston Street to its intersection with 8<sup>th</sup> Street; thence along the centerline of 8<sup>th</sup> Street to the intersection with West Street, thence along West Street to the intersection with 7<sup>th</sup> Street; thence along 7th Street to its intersection with Shipley Street; thence along Shipley Street to its intersection with the centerline of 4th Street; thence along the centerline of 4th Street to its intersection with

King Street; thence along King Street to its intersection with Martin Luther King Boulevard; thence along the centerline of Martin Luther King Boulevard until it becomes Front Street at French Street; thence along Front Street to its intersection with the centerline of North Walnut Street, the point and place of beginning; and

**SECTION 2.** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its date of passage by the City Council and approval by the Mayor.

First Reading..... June 15, 2017  
Second Reading.... June 15, 2017  
Third Reading.....

Passed by City Council,

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President of City Council

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

Approved as to form this \_\_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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Assistant City Solicitor

Approved this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017

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Mayor

**SYNOPSIS:** This ordinance amends Section 44-154 of the City Code to enlarge the boundaries of the Wilmington Downtown Business Improvement District to include the 800 block of Washington Street. When the WDBID was created, this area was primarily residential and was not included in the WDBID. Over the years, many of the properties have been redeveloped into commercial properties, and the property owners approached the management of the WDBID and requested inclusion in the WDBID. This expansion has been unanimously approved by the directors of the WDBID.